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GOOD MORNING

WEATHER

Today: Snow possible this afternoon. High 34. A chance of snow tonight. Low 22.

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MAGIC VALLEY

Recreation area: Plans for a recreation area along the north rim of the Snake River Canyon could be finalized by mid-summer 2001.

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Bridge: Some Magic Valley residents would like to see a new Snake River canyon bridge and might even be willing to pay a 50-cent toll.

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MONEY

Down in downtown: Historic Old Towne Twin Falls dissension bubbled to the surface, but leaders are moving swiftly toward solutions.

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FOOD & HOME



Cookie jar: Come along to The Times-News holiday cookie exchange.

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SPORTS

Pros played: The Southern Idaho men's basketball team sent the Gem State's only professional hoops team packing Tuesday.

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OPINION

Watering hole: Twin Falls is wise to pursue a local aquifer recharge plan, today's editorial says.

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Court rejects recount

Ruling dashes Gore's bid for presidency

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A divided Supreme Court reversed a state court decision for recounts in Florida's contested election Tuesday night, effectively transforming George W. Bush into the president-elect. Some Democrats urged Vice President Al Gore to give up his challenge in America's overtime election.

Gore "should act now and concede," Ed Rendell, the chairman of the Democratic Party, said less than an hour after the court issued its 5-4 late-night ruling five tumultuous weeks after the nation voted.

The vice president's campaign manager, William Daley, issued a statement saying Gore and running mate Joseph Lieberman were reviewing the ruling and

"will address the court's decision in full detail at a time to be determined tomorrow." But even so, as the night wore on, some top aides said privately the vice president would be forced to depart the race. "That's where every discussion is headed," said one.

Former Secretary of State James A. Baker III, representing Bush, said the Texas governor and running mate Dick Cheney

Mixed blessing - D6 Concession near? D6

were "very pleased and gratified" with the court's ruling. "This has been a long and arduous process for everyone involved on both sides," he added in remarks that stopped well short of either a declaration of victory for Bush or a call for a concession from the vice president.

In an extraordinary late-night

decision, the justices said the recount ordered last weekend by the Florida Supreme Court could not be completed by a midnight deadline for selection of presidential electors and still pass constitutional muster.

"It is obvious that the recount cannot be conducted in compliance with the requirements of equal protection and due process without substantial additional work," the justices wrote. Its ruling came with exceptional haste.

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District mulls building needs

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Community members will help the Twin Falls School District plan for school building needs.

The School Board appointed 11 people Tues. day to a newly formed long-range facilities planning committee.

The committee has been asked to design a long-range plan that prepares the district for continued enrollment decline, stable enrollment or enrollment growth.

Representatives of other community factions and the school district will be recommended in January for appointment to the committee. Superintendent Terrell Donicht said.

The School Board voted in November to form the committee.

"I think it's a good idea. We need to move forward," board member Chad Hader said.

The committee will review school heating and cooling system needs and possibly a district policy outlining when the School Board can consider designating district property for use by other groups.

The district receives such requests as in a recent lease agreement that designates district property on the east side of town for developing a soccer field complex.

Publicity surrounding use of district property for one worthy cause generates interest by other groups, Hader said.

Members of the committee appointed Tuesdays are business man Dan Brizez of Brizez Heating and Air Conditioning Inc.; Chuck Byler of Wells Fargo

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A crowd of onlookers inspects a boulder inscribed with quotations at a dedication ceremony for the Millennium Sculpture Project in Twin Falls Tuesday. The first phase of the art project was unveiled to the public at the ceremony.

SOURCE: SHIELDS/The Times-News

Artwork engages those attending dedication

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

Immediately after the sculpture was unveiled, people surrounded the rock and harness to see what it was all about.

And that is what the artist, Ted Clausen of Cambridge, Mass., has said that he wanted. Something that involves and engages the viewer.

The rock — a basalt boulder sculpted so portions are smooth — is etched with a number of quotes about Twin Falls. People were reading quotes such as, "Suddenly the water flooded Mr. Dierkes' orchard, and they picked peaches from boats for two years."

The quotes prompted some people to share short stories about the city's past. Other people tilted their heads one way and then another as they followed the text around the rock's sides. One woman was surprised to see the horse harness across the platform and did not realize that it was bronze.

Paul Reeves, who came out for the ceremony, said he thought that the basalt was appropriate, if not brilliant. He saw it symbolizing the Snake River Canyon. He saw the quotes representing the people of Twin Falls, who wouldn't be living here were it not for the Snake.

"Twin Falls lives and dies by the canyon," he said.

Before the unveiling, Clausen read a long list of local artists, busi-

nesses and volunteers who participated in the public art project.

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Ted Clausen thanks a number of local artists, businesses and volunteers who participated in the public art project.

COLD AND COSTLY

Assistance agencies see more requests for heating bill help

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A sharp increase in natural gas prices will affect local energy assistance agencies, who expect to see more people needing help.

Ken Robbinette — executive director of the South Central Community Action Agency in Twin Falls, which provides energy assistance in eight Magic Valley counties — said the natural gas price increases are already affecting his agency.

"We're flooded," Robbinette said. "People are coming in every single day. Our appointments are booked through January 2001."

Robbinette said the agency helped pay heating bills for more than 3,000 people between Dec. 1, 1999 and April 2000, providing average aid of \$198. This year, Robbinette said the agency is



expecting to serve at least 4,000 people, with aid averaging \$230.

The agency is funded by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, which receives federal money.

Congress has allotted \$1.4 billion for the country's low-income heat energy assistance program.

In Idaho, about \$6 million is available. At least 24,500 people in Idaho are expected to receive

help paying heating bills this winter.

Robbinette is confident there will be enough money to help out Magic Valley families.

"We are anticipating more money," he said. "We'll probably be able to help about 1,000 more people. But we realize that this is not only in Idaho, this is national."

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Karen Stone digs out a driveway in Valparaiso, Ind., Tuesday.

Area assistance agencies are seeing increased requests from people needing help paying their heating bills.

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Sheriff keeps jailbreak probe under wraps

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

JEROME — Jerome County's sheriff is keeping mostly quiet about a Thanksgiving night jail escape that left one jailor severely beaten.

And Sheriff Jim Weaver is refusing to answer charges from a former political rival, who says, the jailor on duty worked alone the night of the attack and escaped.

"I have coverage for every shift," Weaver said Tuesday.

He declined to say exactly how many jailers he schedules to work each shift, citing security reasons.

Meanwhile, Monty Ray Boston — wanted in connection with the Nov. 23 escape involving two Jerome County inmates — remained at large Tuesday. There were no new leads in the search for Boston, 23, Jerome County Undersheriff Jocelyne Roberts said.

Inmates Sam Frank Rodasta, 29, and Antonio Alvarez, 18,

Still at large

BOSTON — Boston, 23, is wanted in connection with the escape. He is 5 feet, 11 inches tall and weighs 270 pounds. He has black hair, brown eyes and a tattoo across his chest that reads, "Confessing a Feeling." He is considered extremely dangerous.

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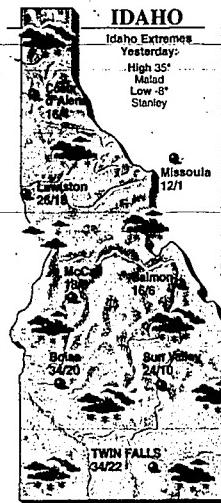
turned themselves in in the morning after the escape.

Citing inside sources at the sheriff's office, ex-deputy and

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FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

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IDAHO

Idaho Extremes Yesterday

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| Twin Falls yesterday | 52°/30° |
| High 35° | Normal highlow |
| Malad | 48°/30° |
| Low 4° | High low last year |
| Stanley | 48°/36° |
| Record high | 55° in 1993 |
| Record low | -15° in 1985 |
| Precipitation | 2.46" in 1999 |
| 24 hours ending 8 p.m. yesterday | base |
| Normal daily | base |
| Normal month to date | 0.49" |
| Year to date | 7.47" |
| Normal year to date | 9.85" |
| Humidity | 95% |
| Yesterday at noon | 95% |
| Barometric Pressure | 29.89 in. |
| Yesterday at 6 p.m. | 29.89 in. |
| Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls | base |
| Grass | Absent |
| Trees | Absent |
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Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

Shown is today's weather.

Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

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REGIONAL CITIES

| | Today | Thu. |
|--------------------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|
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| Bonners Ferry | 14 | 3 | 19 | 21 | 16 | 15 | 12 | 1 | 15 | 4 | 10 | 1 |
| Burley | 34 | 22 | 37 | 34 | 25 | 26 | 28 | 16 | 30 | 14 | 24 | 1 |
| Coeur d'Alene | 16 | 1 | 25 | 14 | 14 | 13 | 25 | 15 | 20 | 11 | 14 | 1 |
| Erie | 34 | 12 | 35 | 36 | 13 | 15 | 25 | 15 | 20 | 11 | 14 | 1 |
| Eugene, OR | 38 | 28 | 35 | 42 | 34 | 30 | 30 | 16 | 35 | 24 | 34 | 1 |
| Gegeman | 33 | 18 | 36 | 20 | 18 | 16 | 33 | 23 | 23 | 18 | 20 | 1 |
| Idaho Falls | 22 | 14 | 26 | 25 | 14 | 14 | 22 | 14 | 26 | 14 | 25 | 1 |
| Kalispell, MT | 8 | 4 | 14 | 14 | 7 | 7 | 10 | 9 | 14 | 11 | 14 | 1 |
| Lewiston | 26 | 18 | 30 | 30 | 24 | 24 | 28 | 19 | 22 | 14 | 24 | 1 |
| Malad | 30 | 14 | 34 | 34 | 16 | 16 | 24 | 10 | 26 | 12 | 16 | 1 |
| McCall | 8 | 22 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 1 |
| Missoula, MT | 12 | 1 | 15 | 15 | 14 | 14 | 12 | 1 | 15 | 14 | 15 | 1 |
| Pocatello | 28 | 16 | 30 | 30 | 16 | 16 | 28 | 16 | 30 | 16 | 30 | 1 |
| Pomeroy, OR | 34 | 22 | 37 | 34 | 25 | 26 | 34 | 22 | 37 | 24 | 34 | 1 |
| Richland, WA | 25 | 15 | 35 | 35 | 15 | 15 | 25 | 15 | 35 | 15 | 35 | 1 |
| Salmon | 16 | 6 | 25 | 25 | 15 | 15 | 16 | 6 | 25 | 15 | 25 | 1 |
| Salt Lake City, UT | 33 | 18 | 23 | 23 | 18 | 18 | 33 | 18 | 23 | 18 | 23 | 1 |
| Spokane, WA | 28 | 16 | 30 | 30 | 16 | 16 | 28 | 16 | 30 | 16 | 30 | 1 |
| Stanley | 19 | 2 | 25 | 25 | 3 | 3 | 19 | 2 | 25 | 3 | 25 | 1 |
| Sun Valley | 24 | 10 | 26 | 26 | 12 | 12 | 24 | 10 | 26 | 12 | 26 | 1 |
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Election

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for the court, the day after it heard arguments in the case.

In a forceful dissent, Justice John Paul Stevens wrote, "Although we may not know with complete certainty the identity of the winner of this year's presidential election, the identity of the loser is perfectly clear. It is the nation's confidence in the judge's as an impartial guardian of the law."

The ruling was the latest pivot point in the nation's unbearably close election, a saga of recounts, lawsuits by the dozens and two trips to the highest court in the land. For five tumultuous weeks, it had held Gore and Bush in limbo and the nation in thrall, and seared new terms into the nation's consciousness — "dimpled chad" most prominent among them.

That was one description for partially punched ballots, thousands of which were at the center of the contested election in Florida, the state that stood to pick the next president.

Without the state's 25 electoral

votes, neither Bush nor Gore had the votes in the Electoral College needed to become president. With them, victory was a certainty.

The court's unsigned opinion said seven justices agreed there were constitutional problems with the recount ordered by the Florida Supreme Court of Florida.

The justices said that because Florida lawmakers intended separately to complete their own choosing of electors, perhaps Wednesday under pressure of a deadline for the Electoral College, requiring a new recount could not be part of an appropriate remedy.

The court agreed 7-2 to reverse the Florida court's order of a state recount and voted 5-4 that there was no acceptable procedure by which a timely new recount could take place. Among the seven, Souter and Breyer said an acceptable remedy might allow for Florida to conduct a new recount with proper standards.

Dissenting were Stevens, David H. Souter, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen G. Breyer.

Alongside the unsigned main opinion, Rehnquist, Scalia and Thomas went further in a separate opinion, saying the Florida Supreme Court also violated the Constitution and federal law in ordering the recount.

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Calders has also said Jerome police officers were unable to come to the jailer's aid because they don't have keys to the jail.

Police Chief Bill Reid said his officers don't have keys to the jail. And Weaver confirmed that Jerome police had keys when he

voted, neither Bush nor Gore had the votes in the Electoral College needed to become president. With them, victory was a certainty.

But the court majority ruled otherwise: "Because it is evident that any recount seeking to meet the Dec. 12 date will be unconstitutional... we reverse the judgment of the Supreme Court of Florida ordering the recount to proceed."

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It's not unusual for a county sheriff to keep exclusive control over jail keys, said Bill Lynn of the Idaho Sheriff's Association.

"That's the case not only throughout the state of Idaho, but throughout the nation as well," he said.

The fewer jail keys available, the slimmer the chances that the keys will fall into the wrong hands, said Lynn, coordinator of a sheriff association jail standards committee, which can investigate allegations of negligence or misconduct in connection with jailbreaks.

As of Tuesday, the committee wasn't investigating Boston's escape, Lynn said.

Twin Falls County Sheriff

National chair Joe Andrew, in charge of the party's day-to-day operations, said, "The Democratic Party does not think Al Gore needs to concede. This is his decision to make. We stand behind him."

But Sen. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., said simply, "Clearly the race for the presidency has come to a standstill. George Bush is going to be the next president of the United States," he told MSNBC.

Laurence Tribe, a Gore lawyer, told NBC-TV he disagreed with the decision, but "I think the court's place in our lives is such that we all should rally around even if we disagree with the result."

Gore's lawyers scoured the opinion for any glimmer of hope, especially passages that identified the steps Florida needed to take to make the recounting constitutional. Some Gore lawyers were arguing the passages might give them some room to convince a Florida court to go beyond the Dec. 12 date and allow more recounts before the Electoral College meets next Monday.

That was unusual, Lynn said. In many jailbreaks, detectives from within the department will perform a two-pronged investigation. Detectives will check for misconduct or negligence on the part of the jail staff, while also investigating crimes escapees or other inmates might have committed during the break, Lynn said.

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Paul Gibson, director of the Twin Falls Salvation Army, said the higher natural gas costs affect a concern.

"It's been a little stressful trying to get the donations in," said Gibson, who would not disclose how much money the county's Salvation Army office has available.

Heating

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The Energy Department estimated that heating bills for natural gas customers will be 50 percent higher this winter, even if winter weather is normal, the Associated Press reported Tuesday.

Intermountain Gas is seeking a 27 percent increase on heating bills in its second bill this year. In July, Intermountain Gas received the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's permission for a 28 percent hike. The agency said the money will only cover its increased costs.

A decision on the 27 percent rate hike is expected this week.

Rate hikes are expected to hit hard with the elderly, and with poor consumers.

The rate hikes have not affected Idaho Power's Project Share program, which asks customers for donations to help families pay heating bills, said Lynette Berriochoa, a spokeswoman with Idaho Power.

But that could change.

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The Magic Valley Arts Council continued final fundraising for the donation-supported sculpture. The council's fundraising goal is \$100,000, which includes individual donations. About \$15,000 remain to be raised.

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NATION

In the path of a storm

High-speed winds target new victims in Northeast

The Associated Press

Wind gusting as high as 80 mph grounded airline flights Tuesday and knocked down power lines from Ohio to Massachusetts, adding to the misery wreaked by the same storm that brought heavy snow to the Midwest.

A tree fell on a house and killed a woman in her sleep at Westport, Pa. And in New York City, a construction sign fell on a school bus, blowing out one of the vehicle's tires. Fifteen children were taken to a hospital, but no one was seriously hurt.

More than 160 flights in and out of La Guardia Airport were canceled because of wind whipping through the New York City area. Flights were also delayed at airports in Boston and Newark, N.J.

"I don't know what's going to do with us," said Ed Lynch, whose flight to La Guardia never left Washington. "I'll tell you one thing: I'd rather be sitting here than flipped over at La Guardia."

In the Midwest, it could be Wednesday before Chicago's



Tim Murray uses a snowblower to clean off the 11 inches of snow from his sidewalk in Davenport, Iowa, Tuesday. The first major winter storm to hit the Midwest began on Monday morning and didn't end until midnight in eastern Iowa.

O'Hare and Midway airports are back to full operation because of drifting snow and because Monday's hundreds of flight cancellations left planes out of position. Northwest Airlines canceled 125 flights Tuesday at the Detroit airport.

"I could've walked there by now," said Judy Gratz, stuck at Detroit's airport after flying from Norfolk, Va., on her way to Lansing, Mich. She had been booked on four flights Monday - all canceled.

The storm buried the Midwest on Monday with 16.1 inches of snow in east-central Michigan and a December one-day record of 13.5 inches at Milwaukee.

"I like snow and white Christmases, but I wish this would just go away," said Randy McMillian of Bristol, Wis.

Aircraft crash raises new doubts

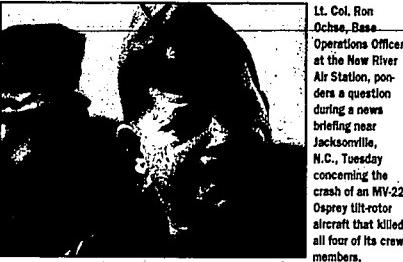
Defense officials reevaluate future of tilt-rotor planes

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Marine Corps grounded all eight of its high-tech MV-22 Osprey aircraft Tuesday following a fiery crash in North Carolina that killed four Marines - including the service's most experienced Osprey pilot. The accident raised new doubts about the future of the tilt-rotor plane.

Defense Secretary William Cohen, a supporter of the \$40 billion Osprey program, planned to appoint a panel of outside experts to review Osprey performance, cost and safety issues, Cohen's spokesman Kenneth Bacon said.

Gen. James L. Jones, the Marine Corps commandant, asked for an indefinite delay in a Navy Department decision on whether to move the Osprey into full-scale production, Bacon said. That decision had been expected this month and the Marines had hoped to assemble their first squadron of Ospreys next year.

The crash Monday night in a forested area near Jacksonville, N.C., was the second fatal Osprey accident this year. Three bodies had been recovered from the



Lt. Col. Ron Ochs, Base Operations Officer at the New River Air Station, ponders a question during a news briefing near Jacksonville, N.C., Tuesday concerning the crash of an MV-22 Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft that killed all four of its crew members.

burnt wreckage; one had yet to be retrieved Tuesday.

An April crash in Arizona killed all 19 Marines aboard and started questions among the victims' families - and in Congress - about the Osprey's safety. The aircraft were grounded until June and were off for more testing and evaluation, the Marines declared the aircraft to be "operationally suitable."

The Osprey takes off and lands like a helicopter but flies like an airplane. Built by Boeing Co. and Bell Helicopter Textron for \$43 million apiece, the Osprey is a linchpin of the Marine Corps' aviation future. It will replace the fleet of CH-46 Sea Knight and CH-53 Sea Stallion troop-transport helicopters.

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To make matters worse, unrelated problems prevented use of a backup Acela Express train, and a conventional train dispatched as a replacement on the Washington-to-Boston route broke down north of New York.

Amtrak officials promised to compensate affected riders.

"There are going to be episodes such as this whenever a new service starts. Obviously, we would have hoped it wasn't the second day," said Amtrak spokesman Rick Remington. "But we're going to learn lessons from this and make sure it doesn't happen again."

The two Acela Express trains are the first of 20 that Amtrak is receiving from Bombardier Transportation of Canada and Alstom SA of France. All 20 are supposed to be running in the Northeast Corridor by next summer.

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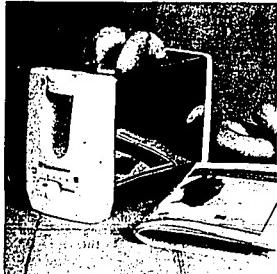
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LAST SUMMER—AT A REUNION of his eight children, 34 grandchildren and five-great-grandchildren - Ron Hansen, 75, a retired Air Force colonel in Provo, Utah, gave thanks for an unexpected joy: "Being among all those children, as noisy as they are, and being able to listen to the one who was talking to me. When you get to be my age, it's a real blessing to be able to hear the way you used to many years ago."

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hearing aids and uses nine channels—twice as many as others, to simulate the workings of the inner ear.

"Most hearing aids just make all sounds louder, even knives and forks in restaurants and wind and road noise in the car, so it's hard to carry on a conversation," says Hansen, a pioneer in

airplane noise-assessment who has worn hearing aids for more than 20 years.

"This one is tailor-fitted to my hearing loss. The day I got it, I stayed up till 4 a.m. listening to Frank Sinatra. I hadn't been able to enjoy that quality of sound for decades."

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Oklahoma bomber asks that execution date be set

DENVER (AP) — Timothy McVeigh asked a federal judge to stop all appeals of his conviction in the Oklahoma City bombing and to set a date for his execution.

In a federal court filing made public Tuesday, McVeigh said he wanted to waive further review of his case by the courts. However, McVeigh reserved the right to seek executive clemency, his lawyer said.

Justice Department spokeswoman Chris Watney had no comment. McVeigh has filed two unsuccessful appeals, and his lawyers had been researching additional challenges. The former Army soldier asked that the execution date be set within 120 days of his Dec. 7 statement, which was filed with the court on Monday.

McVeigh said he believes he is competent to make the decision but will

undergo a court-ordered psychological evaluation. "I will not justify or explain my decision to any psychologist, but will answer questions related to my competency," he wrote.

He also acknowledged that he submitted the statement against the advice of his attorneys. Nathan Chambers, one of McVeigh's lawyers, said: "He's reserving the right to petition for executive clemency." The

lawyer would not comment on his discussions with McVeigh. U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch could approve McVeigh's request, reject it or order a competency hearing first.

McVeigh was convicted of murder and conspiracy and sentenced to death in the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building that killed 168 people and injured more than 500.

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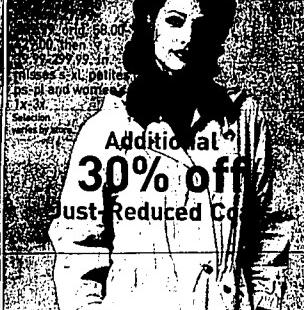
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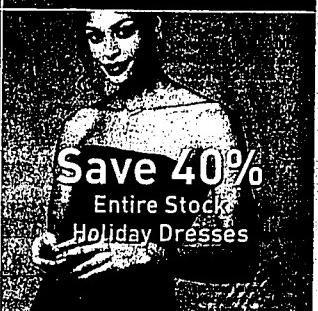
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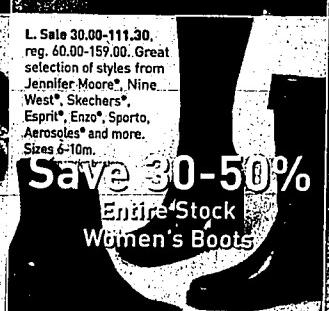
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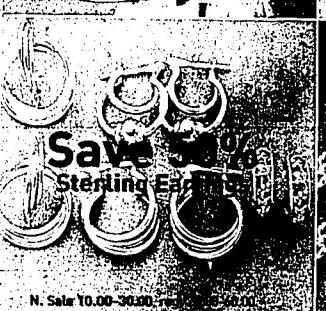
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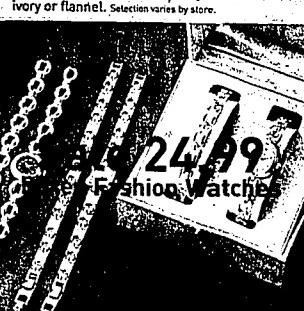
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of Idaho Power Co.; Pam Peterson of the Idaho Department of Labor; Carl Sherbinski of Wells Farm; Bill Farmer and former Twin Falls School Board member Dave Sommer, and former school district operations director Dale Thomsberry.

In other business:

- The board authorized the district to solicit proposals to replace the roof at L.B. Perrine Elementary School. The district has patched leaks in the roof for a number of years, Donicht said.

Estimated costs range from \$90,000 to \$250,000, depending on whether the school's flat roof is replaced with another flat roof or a pitched roof. The school was built in 1979, but when the district called on the contractor's guarantee, it found that the contractor had gone out of business, Donicht said.

- At the request of Chairwoman Vera Redman, the district provided board members with information from Bonneville School District about its new high

school schedule. High school in Bonneville now begins 90 minutes later. Bonneville based the move on studies about biological factors in teen sleep patterns and needs. The information will be shared with Twin Falls principals.

- The district does not plan to change high school start times; the Bonneville information was for consideration. Donicht recommended the district watch results in Bonneville before considering a schedule change.

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EDITORIAL

City officials are wise to pursue aquifer plan

Anyone who has lived in the American West has seen a few ghost towns. Weather-worn old buildings are usually all that remain after the mines shut down or the railroads stop running.

There's something else that creates ghost towns in the arid West, and that's when the water runs out.

Twin Falls is too big a city to dissolve back into the high desert, but its continued existence is not self-fulfilling. Vigilance, thoughtful planning and the ability to make hard decisions will always be needed if Twin Falls is to have enough water.

That's why a multimillion-dollar plan to establish an aquifer recharge program south of town deserves support. It may sound like a lot of money for a program that could last only a few years, but it pales in comparison with the cost of running short of water.

Twin Falls, quite frankly, can't afford not to investigate a local aquifer recharge project.

The cost will undoubtedly fall on consumers of city water, which is entirely appropriate. Those who use it should foot the bill, which means city water rates are likely to go up again. That sounds like bad news but, as Shakespeare once observed, "Sweet are the uses of adversity." As city water becomes more expensive — and homeowners get hit with summertime

water bills of \$60, \$70 and \$80 a month — they will become more efficient with their use of water. Such cost-inspired conservation will reduce demand and stretch water supplies even further.

That's an ancillary benefit, but the real value of a local aquifer recharge project would be saturated soils near the city's south-side wells. Using its shares in the Twin Falls Canal Co., the city would divert water from the Low Line Canal and let it soak into the ground uphill of city wells. That may sound like mumbo-jumbo, but it should make a huge difference in the productivity of those wells. More groundwater near city wells means more water coming out of those wells.

Boosting the output of those wells is essential because the city's primary water source — a spring near Blue Lakes Country Club on the north side of the Snake River — has been dwindling for decades. With that spring going nowhere but down, it is essential for the city to shore up its south-side sources of supply.

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Florida's high court set aside law

At the end of this election legal nightmare, Detroit should design a car named after the judges who have made such a mess of the beautiful vehicle crafted by America's Founding Fathers. Let them call the car a "judicial fiat." Only members of their unique class should be allowed to drive them.

Judges are driving roughshod over our laws and making new ones in their wake. In "Oliver Twist," Charles Dickens has Mr. Bumble say, "If the law supposes that ... the law is a ass, a idiot." The law is neither "an ass" nor "an idiot," but some judges and lawyers who would subvert the law to suit their personal and political interests fit that description.

Only in the Clinton-Gore era could a majority of Florida Supreme Court judges claim to be upholding the law while simultaneously violating it, and not cause more than a ripple of dissent. Only in contemporary America, where there is "no controlling legal authority," could the Florida Secretary of State be vilified by the Gore team and its media enablers for taking her oath of office seriously enough to do what the law says. If the Constitution is only what judges say it is and has no objective meaning, then why not allow subjective decisions about ballot and mind-reading decisions about voter intent?

Putting the law aside in favor of talk-show notions like "fairness" is the preferred way to go. To believe otherwise is to invite condemnation. We have been



CAL THOMAS

brainwashed to elevate feelings to the level of where law used to be. Florida Chief Justice Charles Wells alluded to this out-of-fashion notion of putting the law first when he wrote in his dissent to the voter re-count order that the majority decision "has no foundation in the law of Florida as existed on November 7, 2000, or at any time until the issuance of this opinion." By thinking this way, Judge Wells proves that though he is behind the law, he is surely behind the times.

Judge Wells said that directing a recount of Florida ballots to discover supposed undervotes "violates article 2, section 1, clause 2 of the United States Constitution, in that neither this Court, nor the circuit court has the authority to create the standards by which it will count the undervoted ballots."

United States Supreme Court Associate Justice Antonin Scalia picked up on Justice Wells' impeccable logic in his concurrence with the majority to hear arguments to stop the mandated ballot recount. Scalia properly appealed to the law when he distinguished between ballots and "legally cast votes." He said the time to rule on legal matters was before any further counting takes

place, otherwise it becomes even more difficult to distinguish between valid and invalid votes. Scalia also objected to the subjective and arbitrary methods different Florida counties have been using to count votes. "If the petitioners is correct, that counting in this cartridge fashion is unlawful, permitting the count to proceed on that erroneous basis will prevent an accurate recount from being conducted on a proper basis later, since it is generally agreed that each manual recount produces a degradation of the ballot, which renders a subsequent recount inaccurate."

That is precisely the line of thinking taken by Justice Wells and it is beyond dispute to any but the most partisan Gore advocate.

The Boston Globe discovered some ugly lines from the 1948 film "Key Largo" which have some relevance to the hotly contested balloting in Florida. The gangster played by Edward G. Robinson says to the character played by Humphrey Bogart: "Let me tell you about Florida: politicians. I make them out of whole cloth, just like a tailor makes a suit. Get their name in the newspaper. I get them some publicity and get them on the ballot. Then after the election, we count the votes. And if they don't turn our right, we recount them. And recount them again. Until they do."

Fifty-two years later, we're seeing little imitating art, except that the gangsters are now wearing black robes.

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LETTERS

Kimberly Nurseries outdoes itself

I want to congratulate Kimberly Nurseries and Twin Falls for having such a lovely send-off for the holiday season.

I was in Twin Falls to visit friends for Thanksgiving. I had been told we were going to bring warm clothes because we were going to a celebration the day after. I had no idea what to expect. As it turned out, it was beyond expectation.

Kimberly Nurseries really outdoes itself. I understand this was the 10th year. It was handled so beautifully from the transportation to the nursery decorations to the live entertainment to the fire works. They were marvelous.

Twin Falls is so fortunate to have Kimberly Nurseries and all the support groups who assist in putting on this marvelous entertainment. Keep up the good work. It is certainly appreciated by visitors.

ALDYS J. CONNORS

Stockton, Calif.

Grizzly bears will be in harm's way

If the eastern elite has such a love affair with the grizzly bear, there should be an adopt-a-grizzly program, then every adoptive parent can move one of these fine noble creatures into their back yard. I'm sure the bear wouldn't mind. After all, humans are so easy to catch. They taste like pork they say, but not being a cannibal, I really wouldn't know.

All kidding aside however, the grizzly bear is nothing more than a lethal weapon pointed at the people of Idaho, Montana and wherever else the federal government will plant this thing. But unlike a plant, it will not stay in one place. Thus it will endanger the life and liberty of those persons seeking to enjoy the vast outdoors and, of course, this program is a gross injustice to the bear.

Why gross injustice? The grizzly bear

is a remarkable hunter and an amazingly efficient killing and eating machine with no peer on the North American continent. It can easily move 30 miles per day and often hunts at night, so when people are snug in their sleeping bags under the western stars, Mr. Grizz is "up and about" thinking about lunch.

With these powerful instincts, it shouldn't take a brain surgeon to figure out that any significant contact with the human element will place all the players in "harm's way." But government officials, true to their character of problem creation — or they don't give a damn, wish this animal to be reintroduced, and when the first person is turned into bear dung, it will be the bear that is held responsible, hunted and summarily executed for crimes against humanity. The directors, managers, initiators or, in other words, our protected bureaucratic vipers are never held personally accountable for anything, and they continually remain out of legal reach.

If this reintroduction occurs, which it certainly will, someone is going to die. And it will happen in a terrible way. That's a fact we cannot ignore. When it happens, I suggest that those persons who pushed this program through be charged with murder. Remember: this animal is not called Ursus horribilis because it is a cuddly little "Teddy."

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Go hunt somewhere else

This letter is to the hunters who hunt the Island south of Barbary's from the time bird hunting starts until it closes.

It's hell; we live here. I am from that island. Our home is splattered, my kids have been hit, my \$800 window has been broken. I would like to trade places with you guys for awhile. It sounds like the early morning mornings, especially on Saturdays and Sundays. My dog thinks you're shooting at him. I can't let the kids out and play or my dog

May one of these days you guys will wise up and hunt somewhere else before someone gets hurt. One of these days, you will shatter a window while I'm sitting in the kitchen. Myself and the people who live along this road have called the sheriff's office or Fish and Game at least once every season. I'll bet you wouldn't like it if you had to go through this.

Go hunt somewhere else that's not a residential area.

SUSAN BEAN

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We owe firemen, police, detectives

On Friday, it was my sad duty to watch

LETTERS

an important part of the lives of many in Twin Falls burn as the result of an act of vicious, mindless vandalism. Of course, I was subject to emotions from sadness and fear to determination and rage, but was also blessed to feel great gratitude and pride.

When I was summoned by a 3 a.m. call from police dispatch, I arrived at Immanuel Lutheran Church to see firemen, most of whom were strangers to me, risk their lives by entering a fiery cauldron to try and save a place that was immensely important to me but not to them. Nonetheless, they entered a building heated in spots, to 2,000 degrees. In an environment of flame and thick smoke and darkness and danger, these firefighters put their lives in God's hands to save our house of worship. That they were successful in controlling the inferno and saving adjacent portions of the complex is a tribute to their training, skill, teamwork and individual courage. That they fought so hard and risked so much is a source of deep pride for me, as a citizen and profound gratitude to God for their presence in our lives. They said they were just doing their jobs. I see now that we pay them to be heroes. Thank you all, Twin Falls Fire Department per-

sonnel. On a horrible day, you gave me real joy and hope.

To the uniformed officers and deputies of the Twin Falls Police Department, I also owe a debt of gratitude. Your professional investigative skills give me hope that we may be able to discipline the barbarians who would attack a child-care facility and church. I'm only a man, and I deeply long to see justice done in this matter. Your coolness and painstaking work couldn't hide the fact that your rage against the darkness in our society matched, even exceeded, mine. If the guilty are found, you'll do everything possible to stop them from any further violence and hold them responsible. I thank God for you and for the dedication you've made to protecting our community. You are all heroes, too!

We are challenged, sometimes, to be thankful. But I pray that the servants of our city might feel the gratitude that all the members of Immanuel and all the people of Twin Falls owe them.

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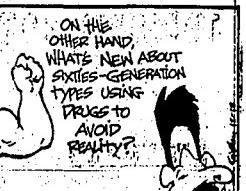
(Editor's note: The Rev. Lawrence Vedder is the pastor at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Twin Falls.)

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By Garry Trudeau

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Section B

AROUND THE VALLEY

Deputies search for robbery suspect

JEROME — Deputies and police Tuesday were looking for a man Jerome Cinema employees say robbed them at gunpoint late Monday, said Jerome County Undersheriff Jocelyne Roberts.

Employees told police a white male with a nylon stocking over his face walked into the theater at about 8:30 p.m., brandished what appeared to be a revolver and demanded cash, Roberts said. After taking about \$350, the man told the employee to lay on the floor and count to 20, Roberts said.

The man is described as about 6 feet tall and 200 pounds, between 18 and 25 years old, and smooth shaven. He was last seen wearing pants, a sweatshirt, gloves and a hat.

The theater employees did not know if the man used a getaway vehicle, Roberts said.

Second wolf found shot to death north of Fairfield

ROISE — A second wolf has been found shot to death in the mountains north of Fairfield.

B-96, the alpha male from the Smoky Mountain pack, was recovered on Dec. 4 near Lick Creek in Camas County. The Nez Perce Tribe's aerial monitoring efforts indicated the wolf was last seen on Nov. 22. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service confirmed B-96 was shot.

Another male, B-57, was found dead on Nov. 23, about 10 miles from where B-96 was discovered. That 3-year-old male had dispersed from the Thunder Mountain pack near McCall and recently joined the Smoky Mountain pack.

"We have received several excellent leads and many calls regarding the death of B-57, and we will aggressively pursue our investigation of the death of B-96 as well," Special Agent Paul Weyland said. "If wolves continue to be injured or killed, Idaho will not reach its recovery goal, which means wolves will remain an endangered species for a longer time."

The service has offered a \$2,000 reward for the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the killing, and the Defenders of Wildlife group has chipped in another \$2,000 to the reward.

The killing of an animal protected under the Endangered Species Act is punishable by a fine of up to \$100,000 and one year in jail. Fish and Wildlife asks anyone who notices suspicious behavior in the area to call 208-767-5323.

Open house to honor Judge Melvin Edwards

TWIN FALLS — The Fifth Judicial District will hold an open house Friday to honor 5th District Magistrate Judge Melvin C. Edwards for his 22 years of service to the judiciary.

The open house will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. with a special program scheduled at 3 p.m. in the Theron Ward Judicial Building.

Idaho F&G Commission elects Wood chairman

OROFINO — Burley physician Fred Wood has been tapped by Idaho Fish and Game Commission colleagues to be the group's chairman for the coming year.

Wood, who has served as the commission's chairman before, replaces John Burns, the retired supervisor of the Salmon National Forest.

Wood and Burns were appointed to new four-year terms by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne earlier this year.

Wood and Burns were in the minority in supporting former Fish and Game Director Steve Mealey, when four members of the seven-member commission voted to fire him in March 1997, triggering condemnation from state lawmakers and immediate defeat of an increase in sportsmen's fees intended to head off program reductions.

Kempthorne replaced four commissioners last summer, leaving only three holdovers from the Mealey controversy: Nancy Hickey of Sandpoint, who voted with the majority that fired Mealey, and Burns and Wood.

Compiled from staff reports

Long-term plan might depend on user groups for funding

By Brandon Flata
Times-News writer

JEROME — A new recreation area is coming to the Magic Valley — in sections over 20 years.

Plans for a recreation area along the north rim of the Snake

Want to comment?

What do you think about the North Rim Project plan? It should be sent by Jan. 12, 2001, to Debbie Kovar, math specialist, or Bill Baker, field manager, Shoshone field office, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 28, Shoshone, ID, 83352.

River Canyon could be finalized by mid-summer 2001, but full development could take 20 years.

Planners of the North Rim

Project met with the public Tuesday to present a proposed plan for the area.

The project involves 8,000 acres of public land on the north rim of the Snake River Canyon east of U.S. Highway 93 between the canyon and Interstate 84.

The plan looks into the future; when the expansive recreation area could be hemmed in by development like Central Park in New York City.

"Twin Falls is rapidly growing,

and Jerome is growing, and eventually we will have a prime

recreation area in the middle of development," said Neil King, vice chairman of the South Central Idaho Tourism and Recreation Development Association, which is heading the planning effort.

"This is a way to protect the aquifer ... and organize land uses, which are now random," said Debbie Kovar, a realty specialist with the Shoshone Bureau of Land Management.

The plan organizes existing uses, such as off-road vehicle use, hiking, horseback riding

and others. Target or random shooting would no longer be allowed in the area, but hunting would, Kovar said.

"Shooting was a big problem," said Anna Moss, lead landscape designer for Shapins Associates of Colorado, which is doing the landscape design. "Instead of having shooting in the area, we will find a more suitable location."

Jerome County is looking at developing a gun range about five miles north of the area.

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YULETIDE DELIVERIES



Jody Holland, window clerk at the U.S. Post Office in downtown Twin Falls, loads mail to be distributed Tuesday afternoon. About 20 billion cards, letters and packages will be mailed nationwide between Nov. 24 and Dec. 31, up three percent from last year, said Jeanne B. Downey, postmaster in charge.

Beet farmers' harvest suffers loss

Commissioners appeal to Kempthorne for emergency status

By Aaron Brock
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Citing a county-wide loss of almost \$3 million, Minidoka County commissioners have requested an emergency declaration from the governor's office.

"(The farmers) have suffered a substantial loss," Commissioner John Remsberg said. "Our economy is suffering enough as it is."

If the county gets the emergency declaration, then low-

Beet harvest facts

Some facts about this year's sugar-beet harvest in Minidoka County:

- About 3,400 acres of sugar-beets are unharvested.

- This acreage affects about 32 county farmers.

Source: Minidoka County commissioners.

Interest loans will be available for area farmers, Remsberg said. The exact rate of these loans is not known, and might change between now and next year, Farm Service Agency officials say.

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MAGIC VALLEY/IDAHO

Buhl City Council approves 120-day moratorium on communication towers

BUHL — The city has joined a growing list of cities calling for moratoriums on communications towers.

The City Council on Monday approved a 120-day moratorium on all towers. The city will now work on an ordinance that provides guidelines for communications towers and will hold a public hearing at the end of the 120-day moratorium.

Also Monday, Urban Renewal Agency Director Tom Gannon

When they meet

The Buhl City Council will hold its next regular meeting at 7 p.m. Jan. 8 at City Hall.

spoke to the City Council about the agency's purpose and outlined some of the projects on the city's improvement list, which includes the replacement of water and sewer lines in the McCullum area.

The council approved an ordinance officially making the agency a working force for improvements in the city.

In other action Monday, Raymond Ware of Ware and Associates presented the results of the annual audit. He said the city was in good financial health and within its budget.

Times-News correspondent Mary Batts can be reached in Buhl at 543-8854.

INEEL contractor agrees to pay county building-permit fee, property taxes for plant

IDAHOT FALLS (AP) — Butte County, which had raised concerns about being overlooked, has received a \$300,000 windfall from construction of a nuclear waste treatment plant at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

U.S. Department of Energy contractor British Nuclear Fuels Ltd. Inc. agreed to pay the county the building-permit fee for a plant that will prepare plutonium-contaminated waste for shipment to a permanent dump out of state.

British Nuclear Fuels also agreed to pay property taxes on the buildings, which county officials estimate eventually could amount to between \$500,000 and \$1 million a year.

Butte County Commissioner Seth Beal said the building-permit money is being held in

reserve. That much revenue could make a huge difference in the county's approximately \$2 million budget. But Beal said officials do not want to go on a spending or tax-cutting spree yet, or become dependent on the money, because it could dry up when the company's work ends in a decade or two.

British Nuclear Fuels will own and operate the buildings where it will process nuclear waste under a new privatized form of Energy Department contracting. The company agreed with county arguments that the arrangement makes British Nuclear Fuels liable for building-permit fees and property taxes and has been negotiating how much to pay. The amount of tax revenue is expected to be relatively small until the plant's construction is completed in August 2002.

Construction began on the plant in the fall, and the company is erecting a huge tent this week to allow continued construction through the snowy season.

The project is moving ahead despite citizens' lawsuit and a decision to close an incinerator the company had proposed building to reduce the volume of waste. British Nuclear Fuels likely will simply strip and repackage a hodgepodge of contaminated rags, clothing, equipment, molds and sludges at the plant.

Meanwhile, company spokeswoman Ann Riedel said British Nuclear Fuels is considering other investments in Butte County. It already has donated money for scoreboards at the new high school gymnasium and committed to spend \$20,000 a year to help new businesses to the rural community.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0931, Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

TWIN FALLS



Les Reinke

Les Reinke, 77, of Twin Falls died Monday, Dec. 11, 2000, at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

Les was born on Dec. 31, 1922, in Cloverdale, Idaho, the son of H.C. and Sophia Reinke. He was raised and educated in Clover and Twin Falls. On Jan. 16, 1944, Les married Betty Jean Hafer. Their marriage was blessed with six children: Betty, Cliff, Fred, Jim, Jerry, Florence, and Mark. Les and Betty began their married life on a family farm in Clover. Les became an insurance representative, a career in which he served until his death. His position relocated the family to Twin Falls, Nampa, Pocatello, and then back to Twin Falls. Les, a dedicated gardener, singing in the church choir, and a member in the annual Cancer Walk. His greatest joy was living out his Christian faith as an active participant in the various Lutheran congregations where he was a member. At the time of his death he was a member at Peace Lutheran Church in Filer. Les, Christian services were held in his home. In 1986, Les and Betty moved to the Walter Longue, both as participants and adult leader, and in the Lutheran Laymen's League. Those interests led Les to his involvement in the development and construction of Camp Perkins.

Les is survived by his wife, Betty of Twin Falls; by his sister, Millie Liss, of Shoshone; his sons, Cliff (Fred) and Jim (Jerry), both of Carter, Idaho; Justin (Andrea) Reinke of Filer; Jerry (Andrea) Reinke of Williston, N.D.; Mark (Brooke) Reinke of Nampa; his daughters, Betty (Jerry) Alyn of Grangeville and Florence (Paul) Johnson of St. Louis. He is also survived by 15 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Les was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, his sisters and brothers, Mary, Sis, Otto, Ella, Clara, Louis, and Ruth.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 15, 2000, at the Clover Trinity Lutheran Church with Pastor Gary Benedict officiating. Burial will follow at Clover Trinity Lutheran Cemetery. Friends may call at the Reynolds Funeral Home in Filer from 3-8 p.m. Saturday to pay their respects from 5-7 p.m. at Reynolds Funeral

Chapel in Twin Falls. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be given to the Building Fund Peace Lutheran Church in Filer or to the Lutheran Hour.

Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff at service or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

PORTLAND, ORE.



Jacqueline L. Seagraves Babcock

Jacqueline L. Seagraves Babcock of Portland, Ore., passed away peacefully Dec. 7, 2000, surrounded by her loving husband and parents after a very courageous battle with cancer. Jacqueline

Jacqueline was born April 26, 1933, in Sun Valley, Idaho. After graduation from Wood River High School in 1951, Jacqueline moved to Twin Falls, Idaho, for a short time and then later to Portland, Ore. Jacqueline was most recently employed as a Project Manager for Intel Corporation. When Jacqueline was forced to give up her career she made the difficult decision to leave her husband and various animals behind. Jacqueline and Sean Babcock were married April 1, 1995, on top of Hidden Peak at the Snowbird Resort in Utah. Jacqueline and Sean enjoyed camping, hiking and skiing with yearly trips to Utah and Idaho. They recently purchased property in North Idaho in hopes of building a weekend getaway. Sean and Jacqueline were to start making their unconditional love and friendship they shared gave Jacqueline the strength to battle her rare form of cancer. Merle Cell, head-on for eight years. In spite of all the obstacles Jacqueline faced, she continually had genuine concern for others and never let anyone see the true struggle she was going through.

Jacqueline is survived by her beloved husband, Sean Babcock of Portland, Ore.; her parents Jack and Judy Seagraves of Hailey, Idaho; her brother, Justin (Coleen) Seagraves and nieces Hayden and Madison of Bellevue, Idaho; maternal grandparents, Holly and Carl Babcock; and maternal-great-grandmother, Lois Daniel of Twin Falls, Idaho.

Jacqueline was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents from 5-7 p.m. at Reynolds Funeral

cremation will take place in Portland, Ore.

At Jacqueline's request, no services will be held. A small gathering of family and friends will take place on Sunday, Dec. 17th, from 2-4 p.m. at the home of Justin and Colleen Seagraves, 321 Melrose in the Chardonnay subdivision (Bonneville Market) in Hailey, Idaho. The family suggests donations be made to the Animal Shelter of Wood River Valley in Hailey or to your local chapter of the American Cancer Society in Jacqueline's name.

HOLLISTER

Brandon Jay Silver

Brandon Jay Silver, infant son of Dan and Jeannie Silver of Hollister, died Thursday, Dec. 7, 2000, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

He is survived by his parents and one brother Dakota of Hollister, grandmothers George (PeeWee) and Dee Silver of Jordan, Wash., and Carolyn of McDowell Calif.; great-grandparents, Ralph and Fern Gardner and Joyce Silver all of Jerome, Cleo Gee of Oakley, Margaret Seal of Rupert, Opal Cheney of Shoshone and Oren and Betty Coven of Hollister, also a great-great-great grandmother, Jewel Jackson of Jerome, and numerous aunts and uncles.

The Borrowed Gem

"I'll lend you for a little while a child of mine," He said.

For you to love while he lives and mourn for when he's gone."

It may be a year or seven years, or even two or three.

But will you, till I call him back,

take care of him for me?"

He'll bring his charm to gladden you, and should his stay be brief,

You'll have his lovely memories as solace for your grief.

I cannot promise he will stay,

since it's from earth return.

But there are lessons taught down there, I want this child to learn.

I've looked the world over

in my search of teachers true.

And from the throng that crowds life's lanes, I have selected you.

Now will you give him all your love, nor think the labor vain.

Nor hate me when I call for him,

nor think me again pale.

I've fancled that I never say,

Dear Lord, Thy will be done.

For all the joy the child shall bring, the risk of grief will run.

We'll shelter him tenderness,

we'll love him while we may,

And for the happiness we've known, forever grateful we'll stay.

But when the angels call for him, make no sound that we planned.

We'll bring the baby girl that comes, and try to understand.

Funeral services will be conducted

2 p.m. Friday at the Howe-Roberson Funeral Chapel in Jerome with Rev. Dean Grindstaff officiating.

James Raymond Mum of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. today at Rock Creek Community Church, 131 Grandview Dr. N. in Twin Falls. (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Donna Faye Goodwin of Kimberly, service at 1 p.m. Thursday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls. Friends and family may call from 4-8 p.m. today and one hour before the service at the funeral chapel.

Marvin Schick of Filer, service at 2 p.m. today at White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls. Burial will follow at the West End Cemetery in Buhl with military rites by area veterans and auxiliary.

Marcia Foust of Burley, graveside services at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Pleasant View Cemetery. Friends may call from 10-10:45 p.m. Thursday at the Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Cleo J. Winn of Rupert, services at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St. in Burley. Burial will be in the Paul Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 p.m. today and from 12-12:45 p.m. Thursday at the Payne Mortuary.

Phoebe Kathleen Henderson "Kathy" McCool, of Phoenix, Ariz. and formerly of Twin Falls, a gathering to celebrate her life will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at Rock Creek Community Church, 131 Grandview Dr. in Twin Falls.

Elsie Bernice Sebring Shaw of Twin Falls, visitation from 4-7

p.m. Thursday at Parkes' Magic in Twin Falls.

Mekia Delgato, infant daughter of Julene and David Delgato of Burley, viewing from 3-6 p.m. Monday; graveside services at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22 in Boise.

SERVICES

Betty Kraus

KIMBERLY — Betty Kraus, 53, of Kimberly passed away Monday, Dec. 11 at her home.

Services are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

DEATH NOTICES

Interment to follow in the Jerome Cemetery.

J. Glen Anderson

WENDELL — J. Glen Anderson, 76, of Wendell died Monday, Dec. 11, 2000, at St. Benedict's Long Term Care in Jerome.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, 2000, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Wendell by Bishop Cole Prestwich. Military graveside services will be at the Wendell Cemetery.

Family and friends may call from 1-7 p.m. Friday at Demarey's Wendell Chapel and from 10 a.m. until service time on Saturday at the church.

A complete obituary will appear on a later date.

William Rogers

RUPERT — William Rogers, 72, of Rupert died Sunday, Dec. 10, 2000, at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, 2000, at the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Heyburn. Friends may call from 6-7 p.m. Wednesday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel in Rupert and one hour before the service on Thursday at the church.

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Roy Wilson of Burley

Some names have been omitted at the patient's request

Management Int'l. to maintain the city's waste-water plant.

The council approved beer and liquor licenses for the South Hills Saloon, Town Tavern and the Hansen Market.

The council approved sched-

uling a public hearing regarding the keeping of livestock at 272 Third Street East.

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SLIDE AND GLIDE



Cross-country skier Janet DeAndrea takes advantage of the cold weather and the fresh snow Tuesday that fell over the weekend in Spokane, Wash.

Need outweighs giving

Northern Utah charities see drop in donations of food and toys

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — Northern Utah charities say donations of food and toys are down while the number of families needing help is up.

Catholic Community Services has 900 families asking for help and no toys to give out. The Salvation Army has another 500 families it wants to help. It has some toys, but is low on food.

Sharon Dawning, the new director of Catholic Community Services, said there are 2,300 children in the 900 families that had applied to her for help as of Friday.

"On Wednesday of this week I'm supposed to be handing out toys, and I don't have any," she said Monday.

Catholic Community Services and Salvation Army are sharing space at the former Adams Place nursing home in Ogden. The room where Catholic Community Services' toys are supposed to be stored was empty Monday.

Dawning said she's not sure why there is such a huge increase over last year's applications,

Although unemployment is low, "many people are just one or two paychecks away from trouble," she said. "They are the working poor. An ambulance may take what you saved for Christmas. What we give out may be the family's only Christmas present for the children."

Most of the toys Catholic Community Services distributes come from Toys for Tots, which is sponsored by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve.

Reggie Burlough, director of the Homeless Veterans Fellowship and a Marine Corps veteran, is coordinating Toys for Tots in Northern Utah. He said collections this year have been agonizingly slow.

He said only about 500 toys have been donated as of Monday, and those will go to Catholic Community Services.

"We're desperately short of toys," he said. "Hopefully, when people are out there buying for their kids they'll pick up something extra for someone in need."

Toys collected by Toys for Tots should be new and unwrapped. Burlough said the toys are distributed to the community from which they were donated.

Meanwhile, Utah Food Bank officials say high gasoline prices are draining their transportation budget.

on his horse pretending to be fully clothed when Mr. Singleton says he'll honor the option agreement," Lowrie said.

In fact, he argued, Singleton already violated the agreement by entering into a side bargain with the paper's rival, the Mormon church-owned Deseret News. The two competitors are also partners in a joint operating agreement and share printing, distribution and advertising revenue through a co-managed company called the Newspaper Agency Corp.

The area could include residential development, soccer fields and other uses. Any money generated by the land would go to develop the North Rim Park, Kovar said. A study to determine the holding area's uses could take a couple years, she said.

Jerome County commissioners contracted with SCITRDA to plan the North Rim Project. SCITRDA, a nonprofit tourism association, is paying for the project plans with a \$90,000 grant from the Environmental Protection Agency and \$25,000 from Idaho Power Co.

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critical right now, some officials say the bridge should be put on hold.

"Some of the comments from elected officials was that, 'Yeah, this is an issue, but we feel there are more important issues locally, like school bonds and dairies,'" Humphrey said.

Gary Grindstaff, a Twin Falls County commissioner, said he supports another bridge. But the county really needs to decide what is best for the area.

"It really something the voters should decide, not the legislature," Grindstaff said.

Humphrey echoed Grindstaff's

thoughts. An advisory ballot — which would determine if residents in Twin Falls, Gooding and Jerome counties support the plan — might be a good idea, Humphrey said.

"That would show us a more total picture as to whether or not this is something the valley would like to see us pursue," Humphrey said. "We aren't hearing from the numbers we need to be hearing from."

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OSHA cites Idaho company

BOISE (AP) — The Occupational Safety and Health Administration proposed a \$63,000 penalty for an alleged willful safety violation by Whiteman Industries Inc., a manufacturer of such concrete-related construction equipment as power trowels.

An executive said the Boise-based company was exploring its options.

"Whiteman Industries has operated in the Treasure Valley area for over 20 years with a proven safety record," Darrell Jansen, the company's vice president of manufacturing, said on Tuesday. "We are and have always been totally committed to the safety of our employees."

Ryan Kuehneich, the federal agency's Boise-area director, said an employee complaint following

an injury at Whiteman Industries led to an inspection that found machinery was not guarded to prevent employees from bodily harm.

Occupational Safety and Health Administration inspectors found three riveter machines operating without guarding mechanisms in place.

Jansen said Whiteman Industries has 179 employees.

Council decides to hire outside law firm to battle feds on grizzly bear reintroduction

BOISE (AP) — In an unanimous decision Tuesday, a council designed to defend Idaho's legal rights voted to hire an outside law firm to battle the federal government over its decision to reintroduce grizzly bears in the state.

"This could be a precedent-setting case," L. Michael Bogert, counsel to Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, said. He added that the Constitutional Defense Fund Council — composed of the governor, Attorney General Al Lance, House Speaker Bruce Newcomb and Senate President Pro Tem Robert Geddes — wants its anti-grizzly legal team in place as soon as possible.

"We oppose the introduction of this flesh-eating, antisocial animal," Gov. Kempthorne said. "This is probably the first federal policy that knowingly can and will lead to the death of citizens. We must do everything possible to make sure this does not happen."

Last month, the federal Fish and Wildlife Service announced plans to release at least 25 grizzly bears into the Bitterroot Mountains along the Idaho-Montana border. The service plans to locate the large bears, many of them from Canada, into the Selway-Bitterroot and Frank Church-River of No Return

wilderness areas over five years. The combined 4 million acres makes up the largest block of wilderness in the Rocky Mountains south of Canada. Contact with humans in the region is unlikely, federal officials say. The plan puts the bears under the oversight of a 15-member citizen committee, including a member chosen by the Nez Perce Tribe.

There are already about 1,100 bears in five populations scattered through Montana, Idaho, Wyoming and Washington.

The first bears would not be moved until at least the summer of 2002.

Official: Politics play no role in delay of salmon plan

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The National Marine Fisheries Service will delay release of its plan for saving Columbia River Basin salmon until at least next week.

The plan has drawn intense scrutiny in the Northwest because it will recommend whether four federal dams on the lower Snake River should be breached to aid endangered salmon runs.

George Frampton, acting chairman of the White House Council on Environmental Quality, said the Clinton administration was delaying the release so that standards to determine whether salmon returns are improving can be sharpened. The plan was to be made public Friday.

"The standards need to be clear and understandable, and the consequences (of not meeting them) need to be clear and understandable," Frampton said. "Our goal is to have the best possible document with the highest degree of integrity."

The dams would be breached by removing their earthen sections, allowing the river to flow freely around the remaining concrete structures. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said that would cost about \$1 billion, end electricity generation at the four dams and make the river impassable by barges that carry wheat and other commodities from as far east as Lewiston, Idaho.

Officials denied that political

considerations and the uncertain outcome of the presidential election played a part in the decision to delay the plan's release.

"The outcome of the election played and will play absolutely no role in the timing," Frampton said.

said. "We made a commitment to finishing this document during this administration, and we will do that no matter who is elected."

Conservationists, many who have called for breaching the dams, cheered the delay.

"The only direction this plan can go is up," said Rob Mason of American Rivers in Seattle. "If delaying its release will work toward that, it's a good thing."

Foes of dam breaching do not want a more rigorous plan. Texas Gov. George W. Bush, the Republican candidate for president, opposes breaching the dams.

Breaching opponents expressed some concern about the delay Monday. They worry that administration officials want to set standards that are too high to meet and that such a plan could lead to breaching.

"This has the scent of politics," said Bruce Lovelin, executive director of the Columbia River Alliance, which represents industrial users of the river and opponents of breaching. "They may be trying to lock in stronger standards and deadlines."

A draft plan released in July said the dams should not be breached immediately. Instead, the administration proposed other steps, including restoring streams where salmon spawn, restricting sport and commercial fishing, making changes in hatchery operations and modifying dams to help fish pass safely.

That plan called for monitoring salmon returns after five years and eight years. If salmon populations continued to dwindle, the plan said that other, more costly steps should be considered — perhaps including breaching.

Agencies release land plan

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — Timber harvesting would increase while range land grazing would decline under the latest draft of a federal plan for managing land and wildlife on 64 million acres in the Pacific Northwest.

The report, one step from final approval, was issued Tuesday by the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project.

The joint effort by the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management produced the largest federal land-use plan ever proposed. It covers the agencies' lands in eastern Washington and Oregon, Idaho and western Montana.

The plan, in the works since 1994, would automatically amend 62 local land-use plans when it gains final approval. Already, the plan has cost about \$47 million.

The basin project was requested in 1993 by then-U.S. Sen. Mark Hatfield, R-Ore., and former House Speaker Tom Foley, D-Wash. The goal was to avoid the kind of bitter fights that erupted in the early 1990s over logging restrictions imposed west of the Cascades to protect the threatened northern spotted owl.

The proposal "promotes the health of federal lands and benefits fish and wildlife habitats, tribes and communities," the agencies said in releasing the document.

They said it targets various goals, including promoting vegetation that is in short supply — from Ponderosa pine forests to sagebrush plant communities that have been replaced by noxious weeds.

Judge refuses to force Delta pilots to work overtime

ATLANTA (AP) — Delta Air Lines on Tuesday appealed a federal judge's refusal to force pilots to work overtime.

U.S. District Judge Willis Hunt Jr. ruled Monday that Delta had not provided enough evidence to prove that the Air Line Pilots Association had engaged in a campaign against overtime. But Hunt warned the pilots' union that he saw evidence of an ongoing and illegal concerted effort by the pilots to avoid overtime flights.

The airline appealed the decision to the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta, saying

Hunt misinterpreted the Railway Labor Act, which prohibits "self-help" and other job actions by airline and railroad employees. Delta has requested an emergency injunction forcing the pilots to resume the extra shifts, which the airline depends on for about 5 percent of its flights.

Delta is the nation's third largest airline. Its pilots' refusal to fly overtime has caused hundreds of flight cancellations and delays. It sued the union on Dec. 5 in an effort to force the pilots to restore the "status quo" in their overtime requests.

Hunt's ruling said that while he

had found that there is an ongoing concerted effort on the part of Delta pilots to refuse overtime work, he was at a loss to determine who to enjoin related to the activity. He wrote that Delta also had not proved what roles the 49 pilots named in the lawsuit had played.

However, the judge warned that nothing in his order should be read to prevent Delta from filing its request if the situation changed. He added that his order did not above other union members from liability, saying the court had found evidence of violations of the Railway Labor Act.

Beets

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new procedures at Amalgamated Sugar slowed the process.

Heavy rains in late October and early November closed a receiving site for several days, forcing area farmers to deliver beets to another site or directly to the sugar factory. This further delayed harvest.

The airline appealed the decision to the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta, saying

made beets impossible to harvest.

* The freezing weather lasted for such a long period of time that even harvested crops had to be immediately processed and could not be stored.

* Because of the delays, it was impossible to harvest all sugar beets, leaving substantial portions of the crop underground.

The beets still could be recovered if temperatures cooperate,

Rensberg said.

"Given the right kind of weather, there's no reason that we can't recover them," he said, noting that a 10-day stretch of dry, warmer weather would probably solve the problem.

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST



Remodeling of the Shoshone Rehab and Living Center is expected to be completed by mid-February.

Shoshone center sees added improvements

By Lorraine Caverne
Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE — The Shoshone Rehab and Living Center is being remodeled and residents will soon have a large sun room connected to an expanded dining area.

Lincoln County commissioners on Monday discussed the remodeling project.

COURTHOUSE — In Shoshone.

"The dining room is going to bring the outdoors in," said Nursing Director Sylvia Phillips.

The room will have a piano and will provide more space for activities.

"It will also give more room for sing-alongs and dancing," said Social Service Director Anita Westlake, social service director at the center.

The \$213,000 remodeling project is scheduled to be completed by mid-February, said Commissioner Marlin Brookbank.

Money for the project came from rent money the county collected from the facility during

the past three years, and from money received from underbillings to Medicare and Medicaid.

"There is absolutely no tax dollars in the remodel," Brookbank said.

Also Monday, Carol Boudreau, told commissioners that a Salt Lake City resident told her he wanted to open a small feedlot in Richfield's impact zone and wanted to know what the county's regulations were regarding feedlots.

The feedlot would be a 50- to 100-cow operation and wouldn't be considered a confined animal feeding operation. An operation must have more than 300 animal units to be considered a CAFO, said Commission Chairman Jerry Nance.

Nance told Boudreau that he didn't think it was a good idea to put a feedlot in the area of impact "but I don't see anything that restricts it."

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Watersheds Project loses timber land to grazing

BOISE (AP) — While environmentalist Jon Marvel won a grazing lease for 16,300 acres of state land near Orofino last summer, the state Land Board Tuesday decided the timber there was worth far more than the grass and handed the parcel to the cowboys.

Marvel, a Hailey architect, and his Idaho Watersheds Project on August 22 outbid current lessee, the Lacey Meadows Grazing Association, \$8,000 to \$7,500, for grazing land south of Weippe.

The association appealed, asserting their grazing regimen was better for the land than Marvel's philosophy of resting the allotment from livestock. The Idaho Lands Department noted the current condition of some streamside ground there is unsatisfactory, but added cattle reduced the threat of wildfire by eating some of the fine fuel on the ground.

Timber sales under the contract within the allotment involve more than 28 million board feet with an estimated value of \$7.8 million. Up to 20 percent of the tree canopy would be cut during the next 10 years. Lands staff recommended the board reject Marvel's bid and offer the 10-year lease to Lacey Meadows Grazing.

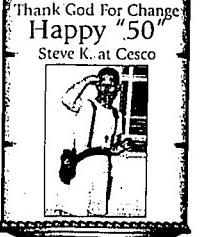
Marvel reminded the board

members they must manage state land to obtain the best income for the school endowment fund.

Land and Water Fund attorney Laird Lucas, representing the Watersheds Project, said Marvel has clashed with the Land Board beginning in the 1990s, resulting in several court battles.

"We need to have auctions," Lucas said. "But the question is how does the board hand out these leases. They say grazing will remove fine fuel and help the elk. But that's all hearsay."

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Daughter joins mother in writing of Dear Abby

DEAR READERS: Most of the letters that appear in my column are filled with problems. This one will be different.

I hope you will indulge me this once as I brag about my daughter, Jeanne Phillips. She has worked by my side practically since the inception of this column. As a teen-ager, she earned her allowance by answering mail from other teens (under strict supervision, of course).

During the majority of the years that followed, my daughter has worked by my side in one capacity or another. Over the course of the 12 years my nationally syndicated radio show aired on the CBS network, Jeanne co-wrote more than half of them.

After that she became my editor and, since 1987, has co-created the DEAR ABBY column with me.

With her talent, compassion



DEAR ABBY
Abigail Van Buren

and kind heart — and the common sense I like to say she inherited from her father and me — Jeanne has walked not in my footsteps, but side-by-side with me. I couldn't be more proud.

As a mother who has every confidence in her daughter, I feel it's time she receives the recognition she deserves as my co-creator.

And no, I'm not going anywhere. I will continue to work on this column until my Maker calls me home. People retire from work — and work is the one thing I have never considered this column to be.

We will both continue to co-create DEAR ABBY using the pseudonym Abigail Van Buren.

SIGN ME, PROUD MOM IN BEVERLY HILLS, PAULINE PHILLIPS, A.K.A. ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: Christmas is

around the corner. Because our first child was due at Thanksgiving, I planned ahead and did as much of my shopping in advance as I could. The problem is, my husband's family expects everyone to buy presents for everyone else. This means we have to buy for 20 people! I don't mind buying for his parents and siblings, and even his grandparents, but the aunts, uncles and cousins are killing me.

We've bought everyone presents for the past two years and are still paying off credit cards from last year's purchases. I still have my parents and siblings to buy for, too. Money is tight because I'm off work now and will return to work only part-time in a few months.

Abby, I don't see how we can afford to continue this tradition. My husband won't let me say anything to his family: "Can you give me some advice?"

SIMPLER CHRISTMAS

DEAR WANTING: Only this if you continue trying to adhere to his family's "traditions," your little family will never be our own debt, and your financial burdens will continue to grow until they crush you. Since your husband won't "let" you explain this to his family, perhaps he will consent to accompany you to some credit counseling sessions; I hope they'll help him see the light.

SLOC proposes to close train line during Games

HEBER CITY, Utah (AP) — Heber Valley Railroad officials, who added an extra train to increase capacity for the Olympics, say SLOC is now suggesting the line perhaps should be closed down during the 2002 Winter Games.

The Salt Lake Organizing Committee originally was excited that thousands of Olympic ticketholders might use the rolling museum to get to events, said Robyn Pearson, chairman of the railroad's board of directors.

Grant Thomas, SLOC vice president and transportation chief, said that if he asked the train to stop because it might cause traffic problems, it would be just for the hours of events at Soldier Hollow.

"That would be like locking up Temple Square during the Olympics simply because someone didn't think there'd be enough interest," Pearson said. "It's the transportation people and those who use a cold, hard way of looking at things are thinking about this."

"The people who look at the culture, heritage and charisma of things think this is something special."

He vowed the train would run, even without SLOC's blessing. Otherwise, the railroad could lose hundreds of thousands of dollars. However, he believes SLOC's position is softening and that the two sides can become partners.

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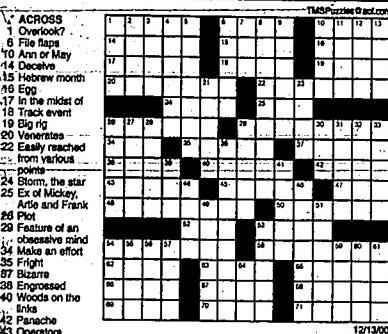
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MORNING BREAK

Aries: Break away from ordinary routine



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A skunk's spray glows in the dark

A skunk's eyesight is none too good. Its hearing is not all that sharp, either. Its sense of smell is bad, too. And its capacity to taste is pretty limited.

A skunk's main weapon is so mighty it just hasn't needed to develop those other defenses. That's what the Darwinians figure. Did I mention a skunk's spray glows in the dark?

Your brain has dibs on about a quarter of all your

body's oxygen.

Q: Could I waterproof a necklace by rubbing it with a live duck?

A: You bet. In theory, it's the oil in a duck's feathers that makes the water run off.

Sloths hang upside down when alive, as you know, but also afterwards after they die.

"If the world were a logical place," said that sage Rita Mae Brown, "men would ride side-saddle."

Q: Why is "Poland" so named?

A: Comes from an ancient Slavic tribe known as the "Polanie," a local word for "field-dwellers."

To prevent drunken driving, says a "perfect hostess," don't serve drinks during the last two hours of a party. Could work. Still, theorists nearby suggest there might not be any "last two hours" at such a party.

Stand on the lowest point in Colorado and you'll still be higher than the highest point in 18 other states.

Feline fact: "The older the cat, the longer the claws."

"Conductance" is a faint electrical activity in the skin. Girl babies have more of it than boy babies. Researchers say it's another indication that girl babies are slightly more mature physically.

Q: You said geese in the water do a "gaggle" while geese in the sky are a "skein." How about ducks?

A: In the water, a "padding."

Heat and moisture expand porcupine quills. You can see why the barbed variety are so tough to extract from skin. Incidentally, you know how a rhino's horn is hair fused together? A porcupine quill is like that.

A newly-hatched crocodile uncoils itself to three times the size of the egg from which it just emerged.

IF DECEMBER 13 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are an original thinker, nonorthodox, began charting your life at relatively early age. Taurus, Leo, Scorpio persons play major roles in your life. They could have these letters, initials in names: D, M, V.

During January of 2001, it will be necessary to check details, to verify reports. Next year you start project, you think and talk about romance. July most memorable.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Break away from routine that for you has lost its glitter. Make fresh start; deal gingerly with Libra and another Aries. Bad luck is finished.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20):

Somehow attempts to steal the spotlight – fight back. Keep plans flexible, scenario includes reading, writing, teaching. What was once rejected will now be accepted.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):

Look behind scenes to see people,

places in realistic light.

Someone follows you but means no harm. Pisces, Virgo individuals will play exciting roles.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

Power play. Focus on personali-

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Capricorn, Cancer persons play

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20):

Lively discussion involves politics, theater. Someone lacking tact comments on your wardrobe, weight. Sagittarius, another Gemini play roles.

CANCER (June 21-July 22):

Don't forget to laugh. Cycle

high, you exude personal mag-

nism, sex appeal. Take initia-

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19): Living quarters receive benefit of greater light. Focus on fresh start, imprint style; don't follow others. Leo will play dramatic role.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

Focus on cooperative efforts, serious discussions concerning property values, politics. Accent also will be on marital status, direction and motivation.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):

You will find that Capricorn,

Cancer persons are ready to

help you overcome obstacles.

Accept aid; toss aside false pride. Have luck with number

3.

Dear Abby is on B4 today.

ATTENTION TAXPAYER

Your PERSONAL PROPERTY AND MOBILE HOME taxes are due and payable by December 20, 2000.

If not paid on or before December 20th they will be DELINQUENT and the treasurer will turn them into WARRANTS OF DISTRAINT for the Sheriff to collect. The Sheriff is unable to accept personal checks for payment of delinquent taxes. You will only be able to pay the delinquency with CASHIER'S CHECK, MONEY ORDER OR CASH.

Wayne Tousley, Sheriff

Some hospitals have branches.

At Cassia Regional Medical Center, we have roots.



Truly personalized healthcare seems to be a thing of the past as medical conglomerates play a larger role in our lives. These days, it seems as if providers no longer connect with patients on an individual basis. That's what makes Cassia Regional Medical Center different. For more than 40 years, they've been providing residents throughout Mini-Cassia with top quality healthcare by placing the

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COMMUNITY

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Filer School serves up school lunch menu for rest of week

SPILER - The Filer School lunch menu was not run in the Sunday newspaper.

- Today: Hot dogs
- Thursday: Turkey gravy
- Friday: Idaho nachos

Resitors association seeks families to help at the holidays

TWIN FALLS - The Greater Twin Falls Association of Realtors will sponsor \$50 each for three families in need of food during the holidays. Those interested in applying should contact the Realtor Christmas, P.O. Box 531, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0531. The application must contain the following information: parent and children names and their ages, sex and clothes and shoe sizes. The wants and needs of individual family members should also be welcome. Those applying should include a phone number in order to process the application.

Families may apply directly or people aware of a family that needs assistance may send an application in their behalf. Applications should be in by Saturday.

Jerome County Historical Society holds Christmas dinner

JEROME - The Jerome County Historical Society will hold a Christmas dinner at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Jerome Library.

Members are asked to bring their table service and a dish to share. Turkey, ham and drinks will be furnished.

A musical program will be provided by Strings Attached.

Ark 4-H group wraps gifts at book store on Saturday

TWIN FALLS - The Ark 4-H group

will wrap gifts purchased at Barnes and Nobles from 12-2 p.m. Saturday.

University of Idaho offers free presentation on holiday readiness

JEROME - The University of Idaho will offer a free lunch presentation focusing on holiday spending, gift ideas and making the most of a holiday schedule.

The presentation will be held from 12:10-12:50 p.m. Tuesday at the Jerome County Courthouse meeting room at 300 N. Lincoln St. in Jerome and Dec. 20 at the Cassia County Extension Office at the College of Southern Idaho Mini-Caucus Center at 1013 W. 16th St. in Burley. Those attending are asked to pre-register. For more information or to pre-register, call 324-7578 or 878-9461.

Hailey Public Library, city of Hailey plan open house

HAILEY - The Hailey Public Library and the city of Hailey office will hold a customer appreciation open house from 2-5 p.m. Friday at the Hailey Town Center Building on the corner of Main and Crox streets.

Optimists serves up free breakfast with Santa Claus

JEROME - The Jerome Optimist Club will hold its annual free breakfast with Santa from 7-11 a.m. Saturday at the American Legion Hall on the corner of 7th Avenue and North Lincoln Street. Santa will arrive at 8 a.m.

While supplies last, free photos will be taken with Santa.

Oddfellow and Rebekah Lodges set holiday gathering Saturday

BURLEY - Oddfellow and Rebekah Lodges are having their annual Christmas

party at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Oddfellow Hall, 1358 Oakley Ave.

The party is open to members, family and friends. It will be a covered dish dinner, with meat and rolls furnished. Guests are asked to bring one gift for each child they bring. There will be a program and a visit from Santa Claus.

River Reelers celebrates at Christmas dance in Rupert

RUPERT - The River Reelers will hold its Christmas dance beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday at Gil's Hall across from the Rupert Elk's golf course.

A potluck meal will be served at 7 p.m. with the club furnishing meat and rolls. Dancing will begin at 8 p.m.

The public is invited.

Hennett Center anticipates Christmas morning eclipse

TWIN FALLS - The last solar eclipse of the year and the millennium will be visible Dec. 25.

The moon will begin to block a small portion of the sun at 8:17 a.m. The greatest portion of the sun to be covered by this eclipse will occur at 10:49 a.m. The solar eclipse will be visible over the entire United States, although only about a quarter of the sun's surface will be covered by the moon, local experts say. In the far northern reaches of North America, the Christmas morning eclipse will cover about 70 percent of the sun's surface. Nowhere on earth will this eclipse be total.

Faulkner Planetarium staff members will have special solar telescopes set up at the Hennett Center for safe, close-up viewing of this rare event. The center store is also selling eclipse glasses that allow safe viewing for only \$1.25.

Local experts warn it is easy to permanently damage eyesight by looking at the sun with the unaided eye, even for a short time.



Richfield School's FFA team competed in the National FFA Dairy Foods Career Development event in Louisville, Ky. Oct. 26 at the 73rd National FFA Convention. Team members are, from left, Mollie Ellis, Cade Norman, Nena Amy and John Schmidt with adviser Dee Lewis. The team was one of 35 competing in the contest sponsored by Dean Foods.

Hospital foundation hands out awards

TWIN FALLS - The executive committee of the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation awarded \$9,775 in grants during October.

Continuing education for hospital clinical staff members and general support for health-care programs accounted for the majority of the grants.

The grants included: \$2,550 for education for Southern Idaho Regional Cancer Center personnel to attend workshops, \$3,700 for computer equipment in the Magic Valley Regional medical library for public access, \$500 for grief counseling of a Magic Valley Regional hospice client, \$50 for educational tools for hospital heart patients, \$300 for a hospital employee's hardship, \$850 for holiday bereavement group counseling, \$625 for educational brochures for the Southern Idaho Regional Cancer Center to distribute and \$1,200 for support of a

community wide two-day chemotherapy course for nurses.

In addition, the foundation supported the following programs during September: \$3,583 for the Lifeline emergency response system for seniors; \$24 for the supplies for psychiatric patients in the Magic Valley; \$9,043 for the SAFE KIDS program; \$4,258 for the Magic Valley Regional CARES (Children at Risk Evaluation Services) program; \$698 for the supplies, medical exams and other items for diabetic patients in the Magic Valley; and \$1,720 for support of counseling expense incurred by the Child Trauma Referral Resource.

These grants bring the total amount awarded in 2000 to \$193,785, the foundation reports.

For information on grants, call Larry Baxter at 737-2480.

CLUB CALENDAR

Civic

Rotary Clubs

Bonne Lake - 7 a.m. Tuesdays at the Weston Service Center & Convention Center, 1100 E. 1st St., Suite 1307.
Burley - Noon Tuesdays at Burley Inn Convention Center, 678-2271.
Buhl - Noon Thursdays at the Acapulco Restaurant in Buhl, 543-6841 or 543-5500.
Gooding - 7 a.m. Friday at the Lincoln Inn, 543-4580.
Hailey - Noon Thursday at the Senior Center of Blaine County, 785-0897 or 785-2114.
Jerome - Noon Tuesday at China Village, 123 S. Alder, 324-7000 or 324-4511.
Ketchum/Sun Valley - Noon on Tuesday at Riva's Fine Dining, Parts Restaurant, 785-2400.
Rupert - Noon Wednesdays at the Rupert Elk's Lodge. Call Jack Bell at 336-3511.
Schwartz - Noon Wednesday at the Senior Citizens Center, 586-2221 or 586-2283.
Twin Falls - Noon Wednesdays at the Twin Club in Twin Falls, 736-4029 or 734-5240.

Lions Clubs

Burley - Noon Fridays at Price's Cafe, 2444 Overland Ave.; 573-3027.
Gooding - 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays at the Lincoln Inn, 534-4114.

Hailey - Noon first and third Wednesdays at the Twin Moon Restaurant in Bellevue.
Hayden - 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays at Heyburn fire station, 435-3820.

Jerome - 7 a.m. first and third Monday at Jerome Civic Library, 334-7910.
Rupert - 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Mondays at Red Cross building, 707 F St., 436-6301.

Rustic Springs - 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Monday at Unified Methodist Church, 630-4100.

Twin Falls - Noon Tuesdays at the Jade Restaurant; 734-5258.

Twin Falls Masons - Meets first and third Thursdays at North's Chuck Wagon in Twin Falls.

Masonic Clubs

Buhl - Noon Wednesdays at The Golden Square Society Club, 543-2330 or 543-5270.

Burley - Noon Wednesdays at Price's Cafe, 2444 Overland Ave.; 436-3228 or 436-0500.

Filer - Noon Tuesdays at the First Methodist Church, 326-5430 or 326-5451.

Rupert - Noon Tuesdays at the Rupert Elks Lodge, 436-0501.

Star - Noon Tuesdays at the Twin Falls Masonic Center, 733-2278, 733-7035 or 734-5905.

Jerome - 6 p.m. Wednesdays, Ope's Market, 155 E. Main St., 534-5663.

Wendell - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the House Restaurant in Wendell, 536-5077.

Civil Air Patrol

7 p.m. - 7 p.m. Mondays at the Federal Aviation Administration Building at the Buellay Airport; 677-2539 or 436-5861.

7 p.m. - 7 p.m. Mondays at 702 Airport Loop at John Field, call Miller on 731-5971.

Soroptimist International

Twin Falls - first, third and fourth Tuesdays at 12 p.m. at Jade Buffet, 1719 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. All business women are invited. 734-4462.

Wednesday - 7 p.m. at George's, 738-7202.

Rupert - noon on first and third Fridays at Rupert Elks Lodge, 578-4765 or 438-

Beta Sigma Phi Sorority

XI Alpha Tau chapter - 7:30 p.m. first and third Thursdays, Sept./Sept.; 543-5522 or 734-1357.
XI Omega Chapter - 7 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays, Sept./May, in Burley, 675-6294 or 438-2613.

Other Clubs

Sandie River Moose Lodge - 8 p.m. second and third Tuesdays at Westgate Plaza Convention Center in Twin Falls, call Roger at 733-0151 or Bob at 733-6031.

Magic Valley Jaycees - 7:30 p.m. first and third Tuesdays at Mattoe's Pizza in Twin Falls City Park; 734-2543.

Gooding Business and Professional Women - Monday at the Lincoln Inn, 543-4243.

The Magic Valley Toastmasters - 12:10 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays at Elmer's Pancake & Steak House, 1824 Elmwood, 734-5200.

Boilermakers - First and third Mondays at Noon at Grandstands Sports.

Lambda Chi Alpha Society - meets at 7 p.m. each Saturday at the Buhl Legion Hall, 1635 Overland Ave. New members welcome. Call 678-6700 or 678-1622.

Young Americans - Meets every Tuesday evening at Boise church every Tuesday evening. Call 733-6238.

Musical

Magic Valley Singers Square Dance Club - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at St. Jerome's, 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome; 734-4265.

Methodist Brotherhood Chorus - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the First Methodist Church basement, Shoshone Street and Fourth Ave., Twin Falls; 734-2661.

Music Department - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Durley High School band room; 578-4740.

Steele River Flute Club - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Durley High School band room; 578-4740.

Bridge - 1 p.m. Mondays at Magic Valley Bridge House, 246 Falls Ave., Twin Falls; 733-5629. Newcomers welcome.

Men's - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Barnes & Noble in Twin Falls; 733-6165.

Magic Valley Pheoch Club - 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Reddi American Veneer, 1000 Shoshone Street and Shopp Avenue, Twin Falls.

Vista Vista Retirement Center - 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Vista Vista, 1000 Shoshone St. in Twin Falls; 733-5531.

Shoestringers - 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Shoestringers Barn for dancing; 733-3712.

Mini-Cassie Singers - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at St. James Episcopal Church, 200th St. and Galley, 737-6714.

Friends of Down Syndrome Children - For information, call 733-3863, leave a message.

McDonald's Support Group - For information, call 578-2571.

Eastern Idaho Twins - 7:30 p.m. Saturdays at Spender's Barn for dancing; 733-3712.

Writers Support Group - 6 p.m. Tuesdays at Chapter 1 Bookstore, 120 N. Main, Hailey; 738-5421.

Twins - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at 105 2nd Ave. S. Twin Falls - 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday; 736-1825.

Preschool story time - 10 a.m. Tuesdays at the Young Public Library, 306 S. Main St., W. 3rd St. between 1st and 2nd, call 534-4093.

Twin Falls Elks and Pistol Club - Shooters welcome, 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at 251 N. Main, 534-5000. Call 534-5000 or 733-6123.

Open chess - 6 p.m. on Saturday, takes a break. Coffee Shop, 209 N. Lincoln St., Jerome; 324-5325.

Weight loss

Weight loss group - 6 p.m. Mondays at Old Palms Motel, 13th and Oakley Ave., Buhl; 564-3294.

TOPS Club

Chair Chapter 256 - 6 to 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Heyburn School lunch

Coed - Co-dependents Anonymous - 7 p.m. Wednesdays at First Christian Church, 601 Shoshone St. N., Twin Falls; 734-6294.

AAH - Alcoholics Anonymous - for people concerned about someone's drinking.

Alcoholics Anonymous - 7 p.m. Mondays at the Shoshone Inn, 534-3265.

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Working group says projects are bipartisan effort

BOISE (AP) — After 15 months, a special working group Tuesday revealed its proposal for the state to experimentally manage projects on federal ground, touting its ability to clear the forests of dead wood and create jobs for small communities.

The Idaho Federal Lands Task Force Working Group told the state Land Board the pilot projects would adhere to existing federal regulations while still avoiding some bureaucratic stumbling blocks.

"Can we overcome hurdles that federal land managers face? Yes, we can," said Bill Myers, a Boise attorney and working group chairman. "This is designed to streamline federal laws to benefit fish, wildlife and the forest. It's not about the state taking control of federal property."

The Land Board in 1996

appointed the original Federal Lands Task Force to analyze alternative management, although environmentalists fear it amounted to a state grab for federal land.

"There were those skeptics who thought it was an attempt to take over those lands," Gov. Dirk Kempthorne said. "You now see it's a bipartisan effort, especially with this year's drastic fire season."

The working group then was selected to identify specific pilot projects.

They encompass about 11 million acres of federal land. Currently, 20,480 acres - 0.2 percent - of national forest lands in Idaho are subject to active ecosystem management each year. The projects would increase that on-the-ground work to 37,000 acres, or 0.4 percent.

That panel has come up with

five, experimenting with different forms of management:

• The Central Idaho Ecosystem Trust encompasses all of the Boise National Forest and parts of the Payette, Sawtooth and Salmon-Challis forests, totaling 8.5 million acres. It would be managed by trustees representing local and national interests. The goal is to restore vegetation on the forests while boosting employment and recreation.

• The Clearwater Basin Stewardship Collaborative covers 2.7 million acres on parts of the Clearwater and Nez Perce forests. A collaborative group would guide the recovery of the world-famous elk herd by improving their browse.

• The Priest Lake Basin Cooperative on 265,000 acres on the Idaho Panhandle National Forest would be governed by the

U.S. Forest Service, and the state Lands and Parks and Recreation departments.

• The St. Joe Ecosystem Stewardship Project takes in 726,000 acres on the Panhandle forest. Under stewardship contracts, different conifer trees would be restored to their historic condition, increasing forage for big-game animals.

• The Clearwater-Cassia Resource Enhancement Trust involves nearly 1.4 million acres of Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management property. It would improve the ecosystem and recreation. Beneficiaries include local communities, resource users and future generations.

Working group members told the state board that such projects are needed to break the gridlock over forest use and boost employment.

State changes to finger-stick method

COEUR d'ALENE (AP) — The state of Idaho plans to replace a needle with a finger stick to boost the number of Silver Valley children who get their blood tested for lead.

Stacey Jordan's kids skipped last summer's round of tests. The year before, Jordan said, the whole experience was just too traumatic for her three children, ages 3, 5 and 8. One look at that needle and they wanted out.

"The last time I did get it tested, they just threw fits," the Osborn woman said. "This will be a lot better for them. They won't be as scared."

The tests - conducted on children throughout the Coeur d'Alene River Basin since 1996 - suffer from low turnout.

So state officials are planning to test children with a finger-stick method instead of a vein-drawn sample. The new devices use a tiny needle that quickly breaks the skin just enough to draw blood.

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare hopes to buy new testing equipment as soon as it gets the OK from funding for the federal Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Each of the calculator-sized gadgets costs about \$3,000 and officials estimate they will need as many as five.

The testing industry has been calling for finger-stick tests for some time, as did U.S. Rep. Helen Chenoweth-Hage in a recent report.

The tests are used to screen children who may be at risk of lead poisoning from heavy metals linked to a century's mining and smelting. Children are especially vulnerable to the effects of lead, which include behavior changes and mental retardation.

Since 1996, between 8 percent and 10 percent of the children tested outside the Bunker Hill Superfund site have had elevated blood lead levels, or about double the state average.

Members of the Shoshone Natural Resources Coalition pushed for the switch away from needles. They contend the current tests do not accurately reflect the risks children face from lead in the valley.

Farm Bureau changes stance on minimum wage law

BOISE (AP) — The main opponent of a minimum wage for Idaho farmworkers has changed its position and now is willing to accept some revision to the state's law.

The 49-year-old Idaho Farm Bureau has voted to support finally eliminating agriculture's exemption from the state's \$5.15-per-hour minimum wage.

Spokesman Greg Nelson called it "a pretty radical departure," but farm-labor advocates disagree.

Moscow Republican Rep. Tom Trail, one of the Legislature's leading supporters of minimum wage reform, said the Farm Bureau's move is not enough. However, he said, "at least they're thinking about it, which is good. It represents a change from the last millennium."

A legislative study committee voted 6-2 in October to recommend changing state law so it matches the federal standard for agriculture workers. But farm labor advocates contend workers already are covered by the federal standard and incorporating them?

under state law will not help any additional farmworkers.

Eric Johnson of Idahoans for Farmworker Minimum Wage wants the state to cover all farmworkers, without exemptions allowed under federal law.

The federal Fair Labor Standards Act is written so that state laws are superseded by the federal wage laws when the federal law is more favorable to the employee. Likewise, state wage laws take precedent over federal law when the state law is equal to or better than the federal law.

Nelson said his think tank delegates to the Farm Bureau convention supported adopting the federal standard because they have grown tired of the public relations war of recent years.

"We're getting beaten up over a non-issue," Nelson said.

The federal law, in general, excludes minimum wage protection to employees of small farms that use less than 500 man-days or who are in a hand-harvest trade and paid by the piece.

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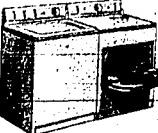
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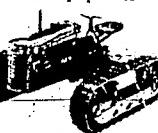
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Butler tells creditors he will not file tax return

suit, expressed surprise at Charney's questions.

"You're the first man from Idaho who's ever talked to me. I've been up here 25 years," he said.

Butler, who represented himself at the meeting, said no bankruptcy attorney in Idaho, Oregon or Montana would handle his case.

"This is an unwritten conspiracy by anti-Christ people to shut me up," he said. "I'm a little upset about it."

Butler, 82, has moved from his 20-acre compound into a house in Hayden. Vincent Bertollini, leader of the white-supremacist 11th-Hour Remnant Messenger, bought the house for Butler.

A jury determined yesterday Butler was 90 percent responsible for an attack by Aryan Nations security guards on Victoria and Jason Keenan as they drove by Butler's compound on July 1, 1998.

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Round out the present with a gift certificate from your favorite nursery or garden center so the friends of feathered ones can make their landscape more inviting to birds.

Plants that do well in our climate while they attract birds include pyracantha, barberry, cotoneaster and viburnum. Birds flock to bright berries. Many annual plants provide seed and nectar for birds, too. The neighborhood will be much



GREEN THUMPREINTS
Cathy Walworth

improved next spring because of your generosity. Wrens will wing their way to your friend's yard and, with the help of several birds of a feather, will gobble up millions of bugs while flashing their bright colors and singing their songs.

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TIPS OF THE WEEK:

• Some houseplants may be yellowing and/or developing long, leggy growth. They're looking for light. Move them to windows that attract winter sun. Flowering plants need at least half a day of direct sunlight to develop flower buds. Cacti and many succulents require sunny situations. Coleus

and crotons need direct sun, too. • If you're like many gardeners, this is the time of year when you begin to notice how grubby some of your tools have become. One ingenious way to get those accumulations of dirt off the dirt off a tool is to simply use a dried-out corn cob as a scrubber. The cob's abrasive surface does a great job of scraping off the dirt. When you've finished, the cob can go straight to the compost pile.

• The same ingredient listed on your skin care products list is an easy-to-grow houseplant. Aloe Vera is one plant that many a cook has kept handy in the kitchen and referred to as a "burn plant." If you

should burn yourself or sustain some other minor scrape or skin irritation, you can simply break off a piece of Aloe Vera stalk and squeeze out the gel inside it. Rub this stuff on your injury, and you should feel immediate relief. Not only that, but Aloe Vera contains antibacterial and antifungal properties - a true healer. If you want to grow your own Aloe Vera plant, be sure to give it lots of light and keep it fairly dry. It's a forgiving plant - and a giving one.

What's bugging your garden? Write to Cathy in care of this newspaper or email her at: cawtwo@ptm.org

Get gardening friends something wonderful

By Cindy McNatt
The Orange County Register

It's the season to include that new pair of cushy garden clogs, top-of-the-line rose pruners, gathering baskets, gadgets and gloves on our holiday wish list. How

many gardeners, really, have money for such things during the growing season? Plus, nurseries aren't crowded this time of year.

• Roses. Anything bare-root like fruit trees, strawberries and canberries, makes an excellent gift for the passionate gardener. But all gardens have a spot for the most beloved bare-root plant: roses. The latest and most luscious on the scene are the English David Austin's and the French Romantics. These beauties are bred with the most disease-resistant, thorn-free, repeat-blooming and scented stock available. Look for English and French roses at your local nursery.

• Tools, tools, tools. What gardener doesn't need more tools? Top-of-the-line pruners, razor-sharp shovels and professional-grade hoses make gardening easier.

• Perennials and herbs. Ask your gardener what his or her plans are for perennial shopping in spring. If they're like most gardeners, you'll find a half-truth. But stuff their stocking anyway with gift certificates.

• Water plants. What water gardener doesn't covet a new color koi or one more deliciously scented water lily?

• Bonsai. Any beginner interested in Zen and the art of bonsai would be happy with a starter specimen from a nursery.

• Topiary. Twin spirals in pots are an elegant touch to frame a front door. Look for spirals and the pots, plus other shaped plants at your local garden center.

• Fountains and furniture. If your gardener has been begging for a fountain or comfortable seats for the patio, think about giving them as gifts. Large selections of patio furniture can be found anywhere. Ditto for foun-

tains. But don't pick spouting cherubs if your garden is Japanese. It's best to get some idea of what your gardener wants before you do the choosing.

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FOOD & HOME

Hillrose will offer owners room to spare

Perky dormers and a wide-railed porch give a friendly, welcoming look to the Hillrose, a midsize ranch-style home with all but one room on the ground floor. Doors to the three-car garage face to the side.

Designated as a recreation room, the room-over-the-garage could be used for anything that suits the owners' fancies. Light spills into it through skylights and two large windows. Deep storage areas nestle under the ceiling's sloped sides.

Gathering spaces are expansive. Entering, you step into a vaulted foyer. Light washes in through the high dormer. The parlor is even brighter. It, too, has a vaulted dormer, plus a wide bay window that fills most of the front wall.

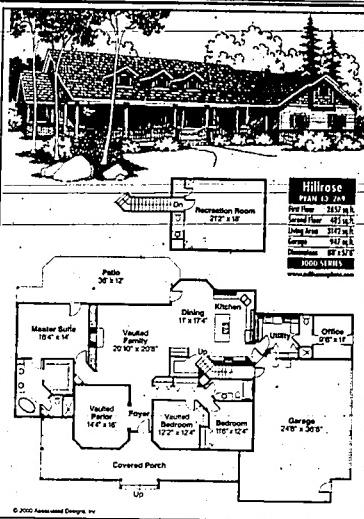
The vaulted family room has wide windows and a gas fireplace with cabinets on both sides. Ceiling height drops to 9 feet in the dining room and kitchen. A wide window bay brightens the dining area, which is completely open to the kitchen. Standing at the cooktop, you face into this spacious

area, and can gaze out the windows to the patio and beyond. A raised eating bar rims the opposite side of the large work island. Other amenities include a roomy walk-in pantry, built-in desk and built-in appliances.

Utilities are nearby in a generously sized room outfitted with folding counters, a deep sink, cabinets, shelves and a coat closet. A half bath with a shower is linked to both the utility room and a small office with an exterior entrance.

Luxuries in the Hillrose's master suite include a large walk-in closet and an elegant bathroom with dual vanities, a deep soaking tub and enclosed toilet and shower.

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White House shows signs of the season

By Jura Konclus
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Ho ho ho. The ghosts of the Clintons' Christmases Past have all gathered for one last cup of spiked eggnog.

Last week's press preview of the decorations for White House Christmas 2000 was a Bill and Hillary Greatest Holiday Hits, from the angels that were Chelesa's favorite in 1993 to the 1999 ornaments highlighting American history.

"We went back and reprised all the themes," Hillary Rodham Clinton said from the official unveiling of Holiday Reflections.

They're baaack: The Christopher Radko glittery ballet scene made for the Green Room mantel (1996); the eight towering cone-shaped wire topiary trees in the Grand Foyer designed by Robert Isabell and laden with the same baroque finery (1999).

Staffers, headed by White House chief floral designer Nancy Clarke, hit the attic, where they picked out the best of about 10,000 ornaments the Clintons had commissioned during their two administrations.

Think recycling: 81 volunteers from across the country ironed ribbons, dusted off pine cones and fluffed up previously used bows.

The only major additions this year: a "seriously fringed" burgundy velvet tablecloth for the State Dining Room and a huge needle-point kissin' ball.

Washingtonian Hyl Hurley.

Hillary Clinton, our-going first lady

The public can sneak their last peak through Dec. 29, when the ornaments will be shipped off to Little Rock to be stored until the Clinton Library is ready for them.

Meanwhile, the Official White House Christmas Card this year was taken from a watercolor by Ray Ellis and shows the rarely seen Yellow Oval Room upstairs in the private quarters.

"This is where we have our personal Christmas tree. That's why we saved our own for last," Hillary Clinton said.

"This year is setting up to be a nostalgic time," said the senator from New York, who wore a sleek charcoal gray pantsuit minus any of the bejeweled pins that once were her holiday trademark.

Will next White House holiday decorations be Bush-whacked?

By Greg Morago
The Hartford Courant

When you deck the halls, Texas-style, what exactly does that entail? Evergreen boughs tossed on longhorns? Chili lights strung on oil rigs? Tumbleweeds fashioned into prickly Christmas tree shapes? You're getting close.

At the Texas Governor's Mansion in Austin, where George W. Bush was playing the presidential guessing game, Christmas decorations came out the day after Thanksgiving — and the mansion was trimmed head to toe in knickknacks and artifacts that celebrate Texas' great ranching tradition.

That means saddles, branding irons and red bandannas. In fact, the red kerchiefs, tied end-on-end and strung up on the mantel of Bush's favorite fireplace, are the classic holiday garlands around. And there's no colorful in fact, maybe just a tad bit, right?

Last week, when a "60 Minutes" television crew was in the mansion taping Bush, the staff had to temporarily remove the bandanna boughs because they were distracting and were interfering with the taping.

"They were coming out of people's heads," said Anne DeBois, residence manager at the Governor's Mansion, but photos were released

of Bush speaking before the bandanna-decked fireplace.

The bandannas are inspired by Laura Bush's choice of "frontiers of the Lone Star State" as this year's theme for decorating the mansion. In consultation with Laura Bush's designer, Ken Blasingame of Fort Worth, all manner of ranch materials were corralled to decorate the home, including spurs, windmills, cowboy boots, 10-gallon hats and an array of wagons. An early 20th-century chuck wagon graces the front lawn.

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FOOD & HOME

New gas heaters are safe and quiet

DEAR JIM: Especially in the evenings, our living room gets chilly when we watch TV. I have seen some small gas space heaters at the home center store. Are they efficient, quiet, safe and easy-to-install?

- LARRY P.

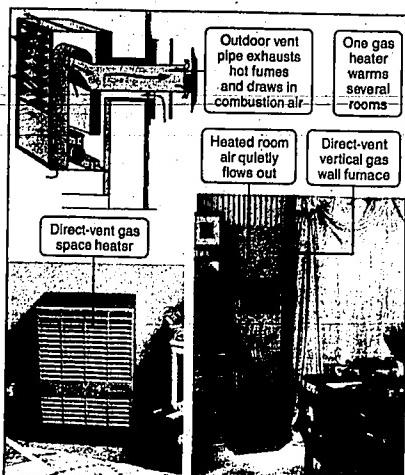
DEAR LARRY: It sounds like you are reading from the packaging and it is all true. Using a small direct-vent gas propane or kerosene space heater is efficient and can lower your heating bills. They are also quiet and safe around children.

The new models are attractive and have 10-year warranties. If your area has problems with electricity power outages, some gas space heaters generate their own electricity for the controls so they continue to heat. A thermocouple in the flame

that is needed. A central gas or oil furnace shuts down when the power goes off.

All direct-vent space heaters are simple to install because only a single small flue/inlet pipe is run horizontally out through a wall. This is a special concentric flue pipe. The hot flue gases flow out the center pipe and the outdoor combustion air is drawn in around it and preheated.

If you do not have gas at your home, all of the gas models can



Gas space heaters are efficient and safe

be converted to use propane with very minor modifications. New direct-vent kerosene space heaters are particularly easy to install since no gas plumbing is needed. The simplest-to-install models mount on a window-like air conditioner.

If you are a couch potato, select a direct-vent space heater model with a TV-type remote control. At the push of various buttons, the gas heater starts and the heat level, room temperature and fan

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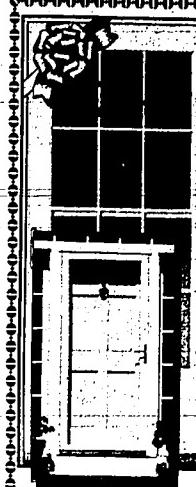
The efficiency (over 85 percent) of new space heaters is higher than most central furnaces. Instead of cranking up the furnace thermostat to keep just your living room comfortably warm, run the space heater instead. You will save about 2 percent on your heating bills for each degree you can lower the thermostat.

For the best comfort, spend a little extra for a full-featured

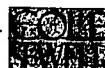
heater. Many have built-in humidifiers, seven-level heatfan speeds, air filters and economy modes. In economy mode, the thermostat gradually lowers the temperature several degrees so that the change is not noticeable. For very large open rooms, consider installing a wall furnace. They fit neatly out of the way against a wall. Efficient counter-flow models blow the heated air out near the floor so it distributes throughout the room. Dual outlet models can be used to heat two adjacent rooms with one heater.

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The recipe for Leslie Collings' English Toffee is a cherished keepsake from Collings' beloved late mother.

While the ingredients are few, they result in a buttery, crunchy toffee that is far better than any store-bought version. Since Leslie didn't add nuts to the large platter of toffee she brought, she said they can be added if desired, or omitted if desired. She prefers to melt the chocolate morsels in the microwave, but you can use a double boiler.

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1 pound butter

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1/4 cup finely chopped nuts

Melt butter on low. Add sugar. Cook to 280 degrees, stirring continuously. Once the mixture reaches the proper temperature, spread the mixture evenly on a cookie sheet with low sides. Blot off excess butter. Frost with the melted chocolate pieces. Sprinkle with nuts. When cooled, break into random pieces.

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DEBBY'S FANTASTIC FUDGE

3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) butter or margarine

3 cups sugar

2/3 cup evaporated milk

1 package (12 ounces) semi-sweet chocolate chips

1 jar (7 ounces) marshmallow cream

1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup chopped nuts (optional)
Lightly grease a 13-by-9-inch rectangular pan. Melt butter or margarine in heavy three-quart saucepan over medium heat. Add sugar and milk; bring to a full rolling boil, stirring constantly. Continue boiling five minutes. Remove from heat and stir in chocolate chips; mix well. Pour into prepared pan. Cool at room temperature or in the refrigerator; cut into squares.

DENISE TURNER got the recipe for Hello Dolly's, sometimes called Seven-layer Cookies, from a non-traditional student she met while in college. The woman, who had grown children, had decided to go back to college after the death of her husband. Back then, middle-aged women were extremely rare. Turner says, "All this woman, a food and nutrition major, ever opted to live in the dorms."

"All the kids just loved her," Turner says, adding that the women eventually went on to get her doctorate degree and become a dean at Murray State University in Murray, Ky.

DENISE'S HELLO DOLLY'S
1/2 cup margarine
1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs
3 1/2 ounces coconut
6 ounces semi-sweet chocolate chips

1 cup nuts
14-ounce can Eagle Brand sweetened condensed milk

Melt margarine and mix with graham cracker crumbs and coconut in a 13-by-9 pan. Press the mixture down in the bottom of the pan. Sprinkle on chocolate chips and nuts, evenly. Drizzle on the canned milk. Bake 25 to 30 minutes at 350 degrees. Cool, and cut into bars. Store loosely covered at room temperature.

Carole Williams got this recipe from a co-worker after trying these cookies and falling in love with them.

the sugar on the outside adds sparkle to these rich, peanutty cookies.

CAROLE'S PEANUT BUTTER BLOSSOMS
1 3/4 cups sifted flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
Sift dry ingredients together, and set aside.

1/2 cup butter, softened
1/2 cup peanut butter
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup brown sugar
1 egg
1 teaspoon vanilla
Cream butter, peanut butter, sugars, egg and vanilla together. Add the dry mixture; mix thoroughly. Shape into small balls, roll in sugar and place on a cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for eight minutes. Remove cookies from the oven and press a Hershey's Kiss or large chocolate chip on top of each cookie. Return to oven and bake two to five minutes longer.

Ellen Thomason isn't sure where this recipe came from, but said her mother has made it many times. Nobody's quite sure why they are called French Cookies. Like all good family recipes, it may have been tinkered with a bit. Thomason says her mother came in when she was preparing these cookies and wondered why she had added the chocolate chips with the hot ingredients. Usually, these bar cookies are white and dotted with the chocolate chips.

In this case, they turned out brown and uniformly chocolatey. Those who want the chips left intact may choose to add the chocolate after the other ingredients have been mixed. Whichever way you make them, they are delicious: rich and chocolatey with a hint of cinnamon flavor.

ELLEN'S FRENCH COOKIES
2 cups brown sugar
3 cups flour
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 cup hot water with 1 teaspoon baking soda
2 eggs
1 cup melted shortening
1 cup chocolate chips, raisins or nuts (optional)

Put all ingredients in a bowl. Do not stir until all the ingredients are in the bowl. Bake on a large, flat baking sheet. 20 to 25 minutes at 350 degrees. Cool. Cut into squares.

Before moving to Twin Falls, I got this recipe from a new friend offering comfort after a devastating house fire. They are almost like cake in texture.

The dough is extremely soft and can be difficult to handle. It should be chilled for an hour or two before rolling out. Or, for those who just can't wait, it can be put through a cookie press.

I took pity on myself and made simple rounds, then frosted them with colorful frosting topped with sprinkles. Creative cooks can cut

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RUBY'S CHOCOLATE CREAMS

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1/2 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon extract (any flavor)

Food coloring

Mix everything in a large bowl with spoon or hands until smooth. Depending on the flavor, you may want to color the filling with food coloring until it reaches the desired color. Form into small balls on a tray and cool in refrigerator for one hour. Dip in melted chocolate and place on waxed paper until cool.

The recipe for Leslie Collings' English Toffee is a cherished keepsake from Collings' beloved late mother.

While the ingredients are few, they result in a buttery, crunchy toffee that is far better than any store-bought version. Since Leslie didn't add nuts to the large platter of toffee she brought, she said they can be added if desired, or omitted if desired. She prefers to melt the chocolate morsels in the microwave, but you can use a double boiler.

LESLIE'S ENGLISH TOFFEE

1 pound butter

2 1/2 cups sugar

Half of a 12-ounce bag of semi-sweet chocolate morsels

1/4 cup finely chopped nuts

Melt butter on low. Add sugar. Cook to 280 degrees, stirring continuously. Once the mixture reaches the proper temperature, spread the mixture evenly on a cookie sheet with low sides. Blot off excess butter. Frost with the melted chocolate pieces. Sprinkle with nuts. When cooled, break into random pieces.

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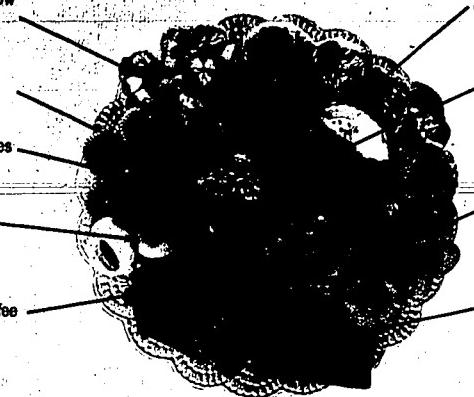
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our fun shapes with cookie cutters and decorate them. To save time, I used store-bought vanilla frosting, which I tinted myself. Because the frosting can be messy, I individually wrapped each cookie in cling wrap — process that can be time-consuming, but so far it's the best way I've found to transport cookies with creamy frosting.

CHRIS' FAVORITE SUGAR COOKIES

3 cups flour
1 cup shortening

1 cup sugar
1 teaspoon baking powder

1/4 cup milk
1/2 tablespoon vanilla

2 eggs
1/2 teaspoon soda

Cream shortening and sugar. Add baking powder, milk, vanilla, eggs and soda. Beat in flour, 1/2 cup at a time. Chill well before baking. Roll out to 1/2-inch for cake-like cookies; cut to desired shapes. Bake at 375 degrees for eight minutes or until light brown. Let cool completely before frosting.

These cookies were an elegant addition to my family's Christmas cookie platter, but my three siblings

and I always seemed to gravitate toward the sweater sugar cookies instead. My mother assured me that, with their subtle almond flavor, these tender cookies were more suited to adult tastes — and she was right. These cookies now have a place in my own family's batter. For a time, I had no recipe, but was able to adapt a similar recipe to make the cookies I remember. The recipe tends to make a small batch of about two dozen, so if you plan on sharing, you may want to double the recipe.

CHRIS' ALMOND TEA COOKIES

1 cup butter
1/2 cup confectioners' sugar

2 teaspoons almond extract

2 cups flour
1/4 teaspoon salt

24-30 raw, whole almonds

In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar. Add almond extract, flour and salt; mix well. Roll the dough into 1-inch balls a tablespoon at a time. Place the balls on a lightly greased cookie sheet about one inch apart. Press an almond into the center of each ball. Bake at 325 degrees for 15-20 minutes or until golden brown. After removing from oven, immediately put the cookies on a cool, flat surface.

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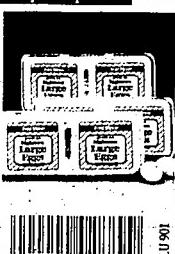
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Sutton's shadow hits hall

Eddie Sutton calls the late James "Doc" Taylor, the founding president of the College of Southern Idaho, the world's best salesman. Sutton, the founding coach of Southern Idaho basketball, remains one of Taylor's better customers.

One of six second-year induces Tuesday into the college's Athletic Hall of Fame, the man who guided CSI to an 84-14 record over its first three seasons recalled with a chuckle the telephone conversation that brought him to Twin Falls more than 30 years ago. That call, in the spring of 1966, helped launch one of the most storied coaching careers in the history of amateur hoops.

"I was coaching high school ball in Tulsa, and I was pretty content doing that," Sutton said via telephone from Stillwater Tuesday afternoon. "I had just made up my mind that I was going to coach high school and that's it. I enjoyed the high school game a great deal, the relationships with the players, everything about it."

"But then I got a call from Dr. Taylor, and he talked about what a great school he had up there in Idaho. His conviction was, 'We've got the best junior college in the Northwest, and I want the best coach around to lead the program.'" The sales pitch had begun.

"I said, 'Dr. Taylor, I'm flattered. But I have a job coaching here in Tulsa.' Of course, Dr. Taylor was the best salesman ever, and he didn't take no for an answer. He said, 'Tim, I'm flying into town to check out a program at Oral Roberts University, and I need you, and we'll talk about money.' I said, 'OK, and we'll talk about money for hours.'

Taylor, Sutton said, was convinced that the successful high school coach could be sold on CSI if he would just come to southern Idaho for a visit.

The best facilities awaited, Taylor assured. Nothing but the best.

"He said, 'You probably don't have enough money to take your bride on a vacation this summer,'" Sutton said. "And that was true. I was only making \$6,000 a year as a high school coach. So he said he'd give me some gas money and we could make a trip of it."

Sutton, in fact, made the journey that summer. And he soon learned that Taylor had embellished slightly the stats of the CSI campus. Some little details were missing - the gym, for instance. But he was hooked nonetheless.

"We went business to business selling \$25 charter memberships in the booster club," Sutton said.

Sutton went on to coach at NCAA staples Oregón, Arkansas, Kentucky and Oklahoma State, running up a 660-259 career win-loss tally. Fresh off an appearance in last year's Final Four, he remains the only coach in history to lead four different schools to the NCAA tournament.

And it all started in Twin Falls.

"The three years I was there were just wonderful for me," he said.

Tuesday, you had to believe him. Sutton could not attend the induction ceremony that would have brought his story full circle, but he still relishes trips back to Twin Falls. He was in town last year and hopes to return for another visit soon.

"It's just amazing to the how great a campus it's become," he said. "Of course, Twin Falls has grown a great deal since I was coaching there."

He laughed when asked if he still follows CSI basketball.

"I do. I followed it through the years," he said. "And they've had some great coaches come through there."

A bit of Sutton-past met Sutton-present Tuesday night following the induction ceremony in the Taylor Building. Sutton's old team rallied to pull off against one of his brightest post-CSU point guards, Doug Gottlieb, who ranked in the nation in assists last season at OSU. Gottlieb is playing for the Continental Basketball Association's Idaho Stampede, hoping to make the team and perhaps one day play in the NBA.

"I think he's a hard worker who's got an abundance of talent," Sutton said. "He's a wonderful young man."

Many years ago, local basketball fans said the same about Sutton.

"I'm so excited about being induced," Sutton said. "It was there when it all started and it's been quite a thrill for me to see the CSI basketball program grow."



Southern Idaho's Uche Okafor scores over Idaho Stampede forward Sharif Fajardo. The Golden Eagles beat the Stampede 98-92 before a packed house Tuesday night.

Seven join CSI Hall of Fame

By Kevin Hall —
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Surprises and sentiment were the order of the night Wednesday as the College of Southern Idaho induced seven new members into its athletic Hall of Fame.

Five of the Class of 2000 were previously announced to well-wishers, but it was the two mystery guests — CSI President Gerald Meyerhoefner and CSI volleyball coach Ben Stroud — who emceed the event.

"I like to play games on people, but when you're the one being tricked, it's a little different," said Meyerhoefner, who emceed the event.

Stroud's face flushed a deep red upon his announcement.

"I hate improvised speeches so this is really tough," Stroud said. "There's many I would've won some national titles without a blemish of talent and I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the great players."

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were most stunned by the enshrinement.

Buhl rolls over Wood River in SCIC opener

By Holly Kayt —
Times-News writer

BUHL — The Buhl High Indians opened their boys' basketball conference season with a resounding 61-49 win over SCIC foe Wood River Tuesday.

The Wolverines had the first basket of the night when Matt Beck hit a jumper 15 seconds into the game. But Indian senior Sean-Van-Elderen hit two free throws to make the score even. Wood River tried to come back in the third, but Buhl never backed down.

"I thought we played pretty well tonight," said Indian coach Ed Pinger. "We kind of let down in the third quarter ... but we bounced back."

The first minutes of the game were tight, with Buhl up 6-5 midway through the first quarter. TJ Cline, who finished with a game-high 18 points, hit a 3-pointer and a jumper from the baseline to put the Indians up 15-8 going into the second period.

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Cline was still hot as the second period got under way, hitting two jumpers to make it 19-10. Ty Popplewell stole a Wolverine possession and had a lay-in, putting Buhl ahead, 23-10.

"TJ had a great night," Pinger said. "He hit some big shots for us. ... Too ... those two kids kind of carried us in the first half."

The Indians continued to pull away in the second, stretching their lead to 16 points with a Van Elderen shot that made it 28-12 with a little over a minute left in the half.

However, the Wolverines wouldn't go down quietly. Sky Wolfe hit a free throw, and teammate Matt Beck grabbed a rebound and put it back up to leave the score at the break 28-

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Alex Rodriguez rides into Texas

The Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — The last time Alex Rodriguez was at The Ballpark in Arlington, the Texas Rangers seemed to be an afterthought for the free agent shortstop.

During his visit three weeks ago, Rodriguez admitted he had never really considered playing for Texas. He was there only because his agent, Scott Boras, got a call from the Rangers, who were willing to spend a lot of money.

"I didn't know Texas was an option for me until Scott called me two months ago and said Texas was interested," Rodriguez said. "But I still didn't think much of it."

Rodriguez returned to The Ballpark on Tuesday, a day after agreeing to a record 10-year, \$252 million contract with the Rangers.

The most prized free agent in baseball history — a 25-year-old All-Star with a .309 average over seven seasons — said Texas eventually became an "easy choice," and not only because of the

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Eagles play pros

Late rally lifts CSI over Stampede

By Kevin Hall —
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Bradley Jackson called it a mid-season championship.

Derek Zeck termed it a learning experience, but anyway you look at it, the College of Southern Idaho's 96-92 feel-good upset Tuesday of the Continental Basketball Association's Idaho Stampede was an enormous victory for the CSI program.

Zeck, CSI's second-year coach, praised his team in an elated locker room afterward.

"I'm so happy for them," he said. "This is what it's all about. This is what I want our guys to feel. This is what we play for. Moments like this."

Stampede head coach Roy White said the Golden Eagles were hungry.

"We ran out of gas there a little bit at the end," he said. "You got to stick your hand out to CSI, they played with a lot of heart, a lot of passion, and they wanted the game more than we did."

That much was evident late, as No. 2 CSI (13-1) rallied from a 90-84 deficit with 3:19 to go for the win. Blandon Ferguson began the comeback by dialing in a long-range 3-pointer after Stampede guard Brian Green missed an easy slam dunk attempt off a steal.

A Stampede miss saw the Eagles back on the run until Tim

Ellis canned another 3-pointer at the top of the line to tie it at 90 with 2:15 left. The teams traded points to go to 92-all, and after a tie-up in the Stampede end gave CSI back the ball on the possession arrow, the Golden Eagles went to work.

With 15 showing on the shot clock, Jackson dribbled around the lane for an eight-foot jumper only to have it blocked out of bounds by Green. As the time ticked to nine seconds, Ferguson was double-teamed in the backcourt but was able to shuffle the ball off to Jackson, who floated up for a 20-foot jumper that bottomed the net for the 94-92 lead with 49 seconds left in the game.

"I knew when Blandon got it, there was about seven seconds (on the shot clock) and I was just spotting up. When they were double-teaming (Ferguson) I was just going-to-knock-it-down. That's what I did."

Benjamin Eze grabbed the carom off a Darren McLinton miss and a couple of CSI free throws later, the lead was four only six ticks showing. The Stampede were unable to get a good look at the basket as time expired and the crowd exploded into a frenzy.

Jackson said the Golden Eagles came ready to win.

"Everybody just wanted the game," he said. "I mean everybody just dug down and tried to give it what they had to beat these guys."

Former Boise State star Roberto Bergersen, who had only seven points, said CSI showed its

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Stampede forward Chantel Roberts scores under the basket during Tuesday evening's matchup against the Stampede.

Shortstop Alex Rodriguez, left, gets help putting on a Texas Rangers jersey

from his agent Scott Boras, center, and Rangers owner Tom Hicks, right, during a news conference in Arlington, Texas, Tuesday. Rodriguez was in town to talk about his record \$252 million 10-year deal with the Rangers.

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Rodriguez the no-trade clause he wanted. And he felt spurned by the "Seat" Mariners, who he said offered him only a three-year guaranteed contract with a team option for two more years.

"I have a hard time walking away from Seattle; Burthen why they Please see RODRIGUEZ, Page D2

SPORTS

Nuggets show up, sort of, against Heat

DENVER — Less than 24 hours after threatening to boycott Tuesday night's game, the rebellious Denver Nuggets hardly looked inspired in a 96-85 loss to the Miami Heat.

Eddie Jones scored 28 points and Anthony Mason added 15.

— and nine rebounds for the Heat, who pulled away in the second half for their 11th straight victory over Denver.

Antonio McDyess led the Nuggets with 22 points and 12 rebounds for his seventh double-double in eight games.

Coming off an 0-4 road trip, the Nuggets refused to practice Monday and then spoke of skipping the Miami game in a press display of protest.

They showed up, but Miami also had something to prove after coach Pat Riley said he wanted his team collectively to show more "guts." His comments came after the Heat squandered a 24-point lead at Sacramento on Sunday.

Cavaliers 92, Mavericks 87

CLEVELAND — Zydrunas



Heat guard Tim Hardaway and Denver Nuggets guard Nick Van Exel, foreground, struggle for a loose ball in the third quarter Wednesday at the American Airlines Arena in Miami. The Heat beat the Nuggets 96-85.

Ilgauksas took over in the final minutes, scoring 11 points in the fourth quarter and blocking Steve Nash's late layup.

Ilgauksas had 24 points and 12 rebounds. He scored nine points in the final 4:18 as the

Cavs rallied from a 10-point deficit in the fourth.

Raptors 104, Pacers 90

TORONTO — Vince Carter scored 33 points, including five

3-pointers, and Charles Oakley had a season-high 22 points and 10 rebounds for Toronto.

Oakley shot 8-for-14 from the field and made all five of his free throw attempts en route to his highest point total in three seasons with the Raptors.

Nets 116, Timberwolves 94

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Stephon Marbury returned to the New Jersey lineup and scored 27 points as the Nets snapped Minnesota's four-game winning streak.

Marbury, who was sidelined for four games with a sprained ankle, shot 10-for-16 from the field and 6-for-8 from the line, in three quarters.

Hawks 107, Kings 99

ATLANTA — Jason Terry scored a career-high 38 points as Atlanta ended a three-game losing streak by beating Sacramento for the 10th straight game and 12th consecutive time at home.

Terry, who shot 12-of-19 from the field and 12-of-12 from the line, scored nine of Atlanta's final 12 points.

Shorthanded 'Hawks rally to stop DePaul

No. 24 Georgetown 78, Coastal Carolina 60

WASHINGTON (AP) — Michael Sweetney had 20 points and 10 rebounds to lead Georgetown over Coastal Carolina.

The Hoyas (8-1) got the victory even though it played short-handed. Kenny Gregory, the Jayhawks' leading scorer, sat out a second straight game with a stress fracture in his right foot. Luke Axell was unable to go because of a sprained ankle.

The Jayhawks, blown out by 31 points at Wake Forest last week — tying for the fourth-worst loss in school history — rallied from a nine-point halftime deficit.

UConn 82, Mass. 67

HARTFORD, Conn. — Albert Mourning scored 20 points to lead No. 11 Connecticut to a 68-67 victory over Massachusetts on Tuesday at the Hartford Civic Center.

Freshman Caron Butler added 14 points and grabbed a team-high seven rebounds for UConn (8-1). Micah Brand had 13 points and nine rebounds to lead UMass (1-6), which is off to its worst start in nearly 20 years.

Cincinnati 75, Xavier 59

CINCINNATI — Freshman guard Valerie King scored a season-high 26 points, 12 on 3-pointers, to help Cincinnati beat Xavier.

SCORES AND STATS

BASKETBALL

NBA Standings

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| Boston Celtics | 7-4 | Los Angeles Lakers | 9-2 |
| Chicago Bulls | 9-15 | Minnesota Timberwolves | 9-3 |
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SPORTS

Ramirez takes off to the Sox

DALLAS (AP) — Money won out with Manny Ramirez, not the memories of his years with the Cleveland Indians.

The power-hitting outfielder reached a preliminary agreement Monday night on a \$160 million, eight-year contract with the Boston Red Sox.

"He just felt the challenge of playing elsewhere, plus a more attractive economic package, were factors he couldn't turn away from," Ramirez's agent, Jeff Moorad, said Tuesday.

Ramirez turned down a \$136 million, eight-year offer from the Cleveland Indians, according to two sources with knowledge of that team's offer who spoke on condition of anonymity.

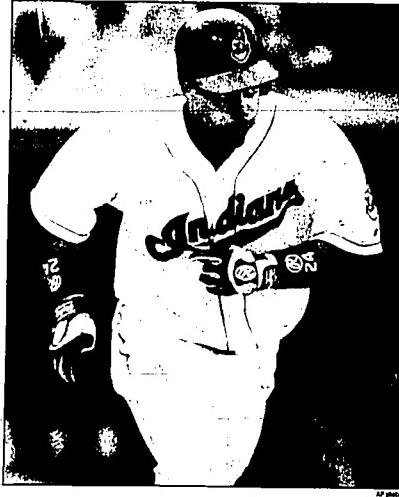
His deal with the Red Sox calls for a \$16 million signing bonus to be paid over five years, \$13 million next season, \$15.5 million in 2002, \$18 million in 2003, \$20.5 million in 2004, \$20 million in 2005, \$19 million in 2006, \$18 million in 2007 and \$20 million in 2008.

Boston has \$20 million options for 2009 and 2010.

A total of \$31 million is deferred with interest, \$3 million from next season's salary and \$4 million a year after that. Ramirez will donate \$1 million from his contract to Boston-area charities aiding Hispanic youth.

"I'm looking forward to see what's going to happen. I'm good friends with Pedro (Martinez). Here in Boston we have a good chance to get the ring," Ramirez told Boston station WHDH-TV on arriving at Logan International Airport on Tuesday.

Ramirez spent three hours Tuesday at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center in



Cleveland's Manny Ramirez runs the bases after hitting a solo home run off Toronto Blue Jays pitcher Kevlin Escobar Sept. 30 at Jacobs Field in Cleveland.

Worcester taking a physical. He was accompanied by Dr. Arthur Pappas and Red Sox doctor Bill Morgan and team trainer Jim Rowe. Ramirez signed a few autographs when he arrived, but did not comment.

"Yesterday was a roller-coaster day as we evaluated offers from Boston and Cleveland," Moorad said. "Manny had two great choices."

Red Sox general manager Dan Duquette could not immediately be reached for comment. News of the agreement was first reported by The Boston Globe.

"We've done what we can do," Indians general manager John Hart, who would not confirm his team's offer, said upon arrival in Cleveland. "Maybe even beyond what we should do. We hope

Manny takes this offer. But if he doesn't, we have a lot to be proud of because we feel our owner really stepped up."

Moorad said about 20 people from the Indians' organization had tried to convince Ramirez to stay, including manager Charlie Manuel and teammates Kenny Lofton, Jim Thome, Travis Fryman and Dave Burba.

Ramirez spoke with the video crew and the clubhouse attendant, whom he tried to persuade to move on to the Red Sox him.

The Indians sent Dr. Louis Keppler to Florida to give Ramirez a physical, according to a baseball source who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Ramirez, 28, hit .351 last season with 38 homers and 122 RBIs in 439 at-bats. He missed 44 games with a hamstring injury, but still led the league in slugging percentage and was third in base average. After returning from the DL, Ramirez, a .313 career hitter, batted .371 with 25 homers and 75 RBIs in his final 71 games. In the last three years, only Sammy Sosa (437) has driven in more runs than Ramirez's 432.

Two years ago, Boston also tried to sign a runner producing outfielder. But all the Red Sox wound up doing was raising the price for the New York Yankees to resign Bernie Williams, who stayed home for an \$87.5 million, seven-year contract.

Ramirez's signing by the Red Sox should only spice up their rivalry with the Indians.

The team has met in the postseason three times since 1995, with the Red Sox rallying from a 2-0 deficit to win the '99 division series in five games.

Could Jeter jump ship?

Yankees' big hitter considers free agency

DALLAS (AP) — Next year at this time, Derek Jeter could be the free-agent shortstop signing the big contract — unless the New York Yankees give him a long-term deal this winter.

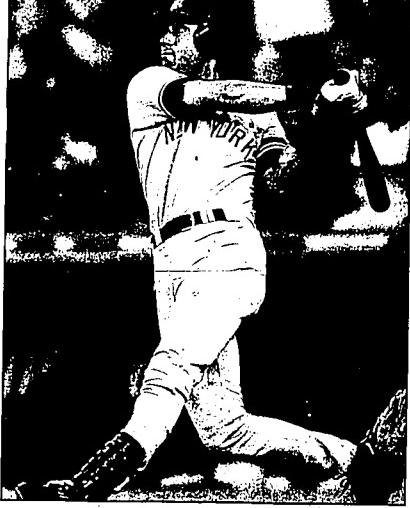
"We have a good relationship. I'm sure we'll be talking," Jeter's agent, Casey Close, said Tuesday in the wake of Alex Rodriguez's record \$252 million, 10-year contract with the Texas Rangers.

Last year, Close and the Yankees negotiated a \$118.5 million, seven-year contract. But George Steinbrenner stopped the deal, the owner not wanting to give out what they would have been the highest average salary: \$16,928,571.

Instead, the Yankees and their star shortstop agreed to a \$10 million, one-year contract. Since then, the top average salary has risen from \$15 million to \$25.2 million.

"Jeter is a priority for us," Yankees president Randy Levine said. "It's what we're concentrating on. But we're not going to be distracted by this signing. We have our own parameters which Casey and Derek know about. We don't anticipate any agreement intruding on that."

The Yankees have said they recognize the market has gone up in the past year, but won't go into specific prices and years.



The Yankees' Derek Jeter watches his fifth-inning, three-run homer sail away during the American League Championship Series against the Seattle Mariners in Seattle in this October photo. Next year at this time, Jeter could be the free-agent shortstop signing the big contract — unless the Yankees give him a long-term deal this winter.

"We've been talking and we'll continue to talk over the next couple

of days and weeks," Levine said.

While Rodriguez is 25, Jeter is a year older and produces fewer home runs and RBIs.

"Superstar players have always driven the game as long as they continue to play well," said Rodriguez's agent, Scott Boras.

"Will Alex's contract be the thermometer that measures the economic variables of the sport? I think that speaks for itself. Jeter is a fine player, but I think the difference is that Alex has more power and is younger. Let's put it this way — I don't think Alex's contract will hurt him."

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Spending spree irks baseball owners

DALLAS (AP) — Players got rich. Owners got angry.

Baseball's winter meetings smashed standards for big bucks and declarations of doom.

In four days, baseball teams committed \$738.95 million to just 24 free agents, including \$412 million today to Alex Rodriguez and Manny Ramirez, whose preliminary deal with Boston was set to be announced at noon EST Wednesday. That raised the total for this year's free-agent class to \$1.043 billion for 49 players with major league contracts.

"This has to end sometime," Philadelphia Phillies manager Larry Bowa said. "The well's got to run dry. It seems it does for a little while, but then it starts back up."

Off the field, Boston improved its offense with Ramirez and Texas did the same with Rodriguez. But unless they develop splitters and cutters and the Rangers don't appear to be doing enough pitching to win a pennant, the Red Sox will be chasing the Yankees.

In the NL, Colorado added Mike Hampton for \$12 million over eight years to join Denny Neagle, who got a \$5.1 million, five-year deal last week, giving the Rockies their best pitching staff ever. It remains to be seen whether any pitcher can be successful making his start at Coors Field.

The loss of Hampton by the Mets, Ramirez by the Indians and Rodriguez by the Mariners weakened those franchises. At this early stage, the Yankees and the Atlanta Braves still appear to be the favorites to meet in the World Series.

"A-Rod was in our division last year," Oakland general manager Billy Beane said. "We had the lowest payroll in the division last year and we'll have it again this year. We found a way to win the division. That's something we relish."

At the bank window, the owners lost and the players won — as usual.

In the December 1992 meeting at Louisville, Ky., teams agreed to \$250 million in contracts. Owners blamed agents, the sport went

through a 232-day strike two years later and teams blocked their general managers from the winter meetings until 1998.

This year, by the time teams left Monday night and Tuesday morning, they had produced their record signing — up from \$52 million for two free agents during last year's meeting in Anaheim, Calif.

And just 13 of the 30 clubs did all the spending.

"We all had looks of shock 10 years ago," Baltimore Orioles manager Mike Hargrove said. "But now you hear it and it is just one of those things. What's next? Nothing really surprises me anymore."

There were just five trades, down from 13 last year, and just one deal could be considered significant, a six-player swap that sent Brad Ausmus, Doug Brocail and Nelson Cruz from Detroit to Houston for Roger Cedeno, Chris Holt and Mitch Meluskey.

In recent months, small-market teams have repeatedly said they can't compete with big spenders such as the New York Yankees,

whose \$113 million payroll this year was \$18 million higher than any other club.

Coming in, the top baseball deal had been Ken Griffey Jr.'s \$116.5 million, nine-year contract with Cincinnati.

Hampton topped that Saturday and Rodriguez more than doubled the record Monday by getting \$252 million over 10 years from Texas. Hours later, Boston gave Ramirez \$100 million over eight seasons.

"In two days, we've doubled a new highest salary," said Sandy Alderson, executive vice president in the commissioner's office.

"I don't like the exponentiality of that. It's incredible," Alderson said. "It's a straight upward trend that doesn't look like it will stop at all. Every club will be affected by this." Players say they've heard it before. "Same thing, different year," Rodriguez said.

Baseball's labor contract expires next Oct. 31 and since many owners are demanding change, the sport is bracing for a possible ninth work stoppage since 1972.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

CSU men jump to No. 2, women plummet

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — The College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team is ranked No. 2 in the latest National Junior College Athletic Association poll released Tuesday.

The formerly second-ranked Golden Eagle women (8-2), however, tumbled all the way out of the poll after the last weekend to Salt Lake Community College (8-2) and No. 16 Utah Valley State College (9-2).

The Southern Idaho women are the nation's sixth-ranked team in total defense, giving up only 53.3 points a game.

The CSU men (12-1) remained in the Top 3 for the third straight week after holding the preseason No. 1 ranking. The Golden Eagles received two first-place votes and 101 points from the regional directors' panel. Top-ranked Moberly (12-1) dropped to fourth after suffering its first loss of the season. Okaloosa-Walton (10-1), moved into the top spot with 13 first-place votes and 148 points.

In the women's poll, Seward County (10-0) remained atop the poll, followed by Midland, Trinity Central, Arizona and Gulf Coast.

Representing the SWAC, Rich College (9-1), the nation's ninth leading scoring team, entered the poll at No. 7. UVSC is 16th, and Snow College (8-1) is 25th. Salt Lake also received votes.

Woods takes Sports Illustrated award

NEW YORK — Tiger Woods is Sports Illustrated's "Sportsman of the Year" — the first two-time recipient in the 46-year history of the award. Woods completed a career grand slam and won three of four majors in 2000. He also received the honor in 1996 after making a spectacular transition from amateur golf to the PGA Tour.

It marked the sixth time a golfer has received the award. Before Woods in 1996, Jack Nicklaus was honored in 1978. Woods, who will be 25 on Dec. 30, will appear on the cover of the Dec. 18 issue.

Toner earns player-of-the-week honors

POTATELLO — Burley High graduate Ashley Toner earned Big Sky Conference Co-Player of the Week honors for leading the Idaho State Bengals to a pair of victories at home last week.

Toner, a 64 sophomore at ISU, came off the bench to shoot a 117 scalding 75 from the floor in the two wins — over Nevada and UC-Riverside — and hit 13 of 16 tries from the free-throw line. She ranks second on the Bengals in scoring at 11.2 ppg and rebounding at 4.2 rpg despite playing just 16 minutes a night.

"Toner comes to work every day to give 100 percent," said ISU coach Ardie McNeely. "She is extremely physical and adds agility to her power, which presents problems for opponents. Her determination to win rubs off on her teammates."

Venus on verge of signing record deal

MIAMI — Venus Williams is on the verge of signing the richest endorsement deal ever for a female athlete.

USA Today reported Tuesday that Williams would sign a five-year contract with Reebok worth \$40 million. Reebok decided to discuss the terms, pending a news conference tentatively scheduled for Dec. 21 in New York to announce the deal.

Tiger Woods recently signed the most lucrative endorsement deal in sports, a five-year, \$100 million agreement with Nike. In 2001 he'll make about \$54 million from endorsements with 12 companies.

Ousted UNLV coach denies wrongdoing

LAS VEGAS — Bill Bayno came to UNLV pledging to win games and run a clean program. He didn't win enough, and when the NCAA placed its latest sanctions on the Runnin' Rebels, Bayno was the first one to go.

Only hours after the NCAA put UNLV's basketball team on four years' probation, Bayno was fired as coach of a program that has flourished since Jerry Tarkanian led it to a national championship in 1990 and an undefeated regular season the next year.

School officials dismissed the team's poor start this season had nothing to do with the firing, saying Bayno was let go instead because he had not kept the program clean. In addition to the probation, UNLV was banned from postseason play for a year and had two scholarships taken away for two years.

This Saturday is deadline for Jerome hoops

JEROME — The last day to register for the Jerome Recreation District's youth basketball program is this Saturday.

Sign-ups will be taken at the Rec office from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, or any time before that during regular business hours. Call 324-3389 for more details.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Woman shoots boxer during alleged break-in

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Tony Ayala Jr., whose once-promising boxing career was cut short by a rape conviction, was shot early Tuesday after he allegedly broke into the home of a female acquaintance.

Ayala was shot in the left shoulder by the 18-year-old woman, whom he had met at his father's San Antonio gym, police said. He was listed in stable condition at University Health Center.

Police planned to charge Ayala with burglary with intent to commit a felony.

The 37-year-old boxer, who signed his career in August 1999 after 16 years in prison, was to be taken to jail after his release from the hospital, deputy police chief Richard Gleinser said.

Ayala, a registered sex offender, could face up to 99 years in prison if convicted. He is no longer on parole for his previous conviction.

The woman was staying at the house with another woman and two children when Ayala entered through an unlocked back door at about 3:45 a.m., police said.

The woman, armed with a handgun, confronted him and called the police. Ayala was shot when he made a threatening move, police said.

Ayala had been at the house about two months earlier when he gave the teen-age girl a ride, said John Hogan, the owner of the house who wasn't home early Tuesday.

The other woman, Hogan's girlfriend, stays at the house with her two children. The teen-age girl is a family friend who lives with them.

Ayala's lawyer, Alan Brown,



said he was awaiting more details from the police.

"Tony was hurt and no one else was hurt in it," Brown said. "These kind of cases turn on what you intend was."

The woman who shot Ayala probably will not be charged.

"We feel she was right and justified in what she did," Gleinser said.

Ayala, who is from San Antonio, was a ferocious fighter and the top junior middleweight contender at age 19. He became known to hometown fans as "El Torito" or Little Bull.

He was 22-0 with 19 knockouts as a pro and was being mentioned with the likes of Sugar Ray Leonard, Roberto Duran and Marvin Hagler.

But on Jan. 1, 1983, he got high on drugs and alcohol, broke into a neighbor's apartment, beat her up and raped her. He was released from a New Jersey prison in April 1999, less than halfway through his 35-year sentence.

Ayala returned to San Antonio to resume his career.

He took part in easy fights to build his shape and then faced Yori Boy Campus last July. He lost the fight the first time as a pro after breaking his hand in the second round.

"It's been bad," Ayala said. His eyes closed and dripping tears said the time. "I won't be liked thought it would be, but I'll fight somebody in November."

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Management group sues Stallions

BOISE (AP) — The Bank of America Centre and Diamond Sports have sued the Idaho Stallions, their owner and the commissioner of the Indoor Professional Football League.

The lawsuit, filed Nov. 17 in Ada District Court, alleges the Stallions owe more than \$110,000 for rent, marketing and other services. It also asks for damages against Stallions owner Jim Carlson and IPFL commissioner Mike Storen, and an injunction against the sale of the Stallions.

The partnership that owns the Bank of America Centre — Block 22 — Diamond Sports

and Management and Development and Marketing Media Group filed the lawsuit. Idaho Stallions LLC, Carlson and Storen are listed as defendants.

Larry Hunter, chief executive officer of Diamond Sports, declined comment on the specifics of the lawsuit. He said he did not expect the Stallions to return to the Bank of America Centre in April.

"We have not been in contact with either Mr. Carlson or Mr. Storen since the filing of this litigation," Hunter said. "I would assume that they will not be back in the spring."

Carlson, a Utah real estate developer, would not comment on the lawsuit or status of the team, other than to say the Stallions are "moving forward with a lot of good things."

But Carlson revealed that the club no longer has employees. He would not say whether general manager-coach John Wardhaugh quit or was fired.

Wardhaugh "is no longer affiliated with the Stallions," Carlson said. "I don't want to go into it. It was a mutual decision. We're still good friends."

The Stallions have been a mess since they started play in 1999. They went through three head coaches in the first season,

all in eight days, and finished the season with a 6-10 record.

Carlson moved the Stallions from Nampa's Idaho Center to the Bank of America Centre last December, and ticket prices were nearly doubled while average paid attendance dropped from 4,316 in 1999 to 4,033 in 2000.

The Stallions finished last season 5-11, losing their last six games.

Hunter said Diamond Sports hopes to indoor football in the Bank of America Centre this spring. He has been in contact with three leagues, as well as local investors.

BYU football player faces DUI charges

PROVO, Utah (AP) — Jonathan Pittman, whose two catches keyed BYU's winning touchdown drive against Utah last month, was arrested last weekend on suspicion of driving under the influence.

Teammate Brian McDonald, a 20-year-old running back, was arrested under similar circumstances.

BYU is owned by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Church doctrine forbids followers from drinking alcohol.

BYU spokeswoman Carri Jenkins said Pittman and McDonald are under review by the school's Honor Code Office, which enforces a strict code of conduct for all students.

Coch Coach Gary Crowton, hired last week, was in Chicago preparing to move his family to Utah. Assistant coach Chris Pella refused comment.

Pittman and McDonald were among five men riding in a vehicle that police said going down the wrong side of a street shortly after 3 a.m. Saturday.

Pittman, who was driving, had "some problems" with three field sobriety tests, police Sgt. Gary Hodson said. Pittman also failed a breath test, Hodson said.

Pittman, 22, was booked at Utah County Jail and released on his own recognizance. Jail officials said he was not charged a court date but they didn't know when it was. McDonald was ordered to appear in court Jan. 3.

Pittman had two late catches in BYU's 34-27 victory at Utah. He caught a 34-yard pass on fourth-and-13 and a 36-yard reception on the next play to set up Brandon Doman's 4-yard touchdown run.

Associated Press names Stoops Coach of the Year

NEW YORK (AP) — Bob Stoops didn't need long to prove he could turn awful into awesome at Oklahoma.

In just his second season as a head coach, Stoops guided the Sooners (12-0) to the No. 1 ranking, a perfect regular season and a shot at their first national championship since 1985 when they play Florida State in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 3.

"I feel a sense of pride for the way these players have worked," Stoops said, "and for the guys who have been around for a few years who were told they weren't very good. We are now a confident bunch."

On Tuesday, the 40-year-old Stoops was chosen as The Associated Press College Coach of the Year in balloting by AP member newspapers, TV and radio stations.

Stoops, who brought a wide-open passing attack to a school known for its wishbone and option running game, received 41 of the 91 votes in the AP balloting. South Carolina's Lou Holtz was second with 19 votes, and Oregon State's Dennis Erickson was third with 16 votes.

"It's a great honor for Oklahoma," Stoops said. "It's an award that every assistant coach has a piece of and it reflects on the players and their attitude about working together, about the way they win. The trophy will go in the coaches' hallway, not in my office."

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the challenge of returning Oklahoma to its winning ways. A school with six national titles had fallen on hard times under John Blake, losing 22 of 34 games from 1996-98.

On the day he took over, Dec. 1, 1998, Stoops said "there should be great expectation here. It's a program with the championships that should expect championships. I know we'll operate with no excuses. There are no excuses. You succeed or you don't."

Success arrived quickly. In 1999, Stoops ended his passing game directed by Holtz with a 10-game winning streak. Holtz, who was 7-5, became the first coach to break a bunch of school passing records and OU played in its first bowl game since 1994.

This season, Stoops said his players were better prepared and more disciplined. Even with a three-game run against Big 12 Conference powers Texas, Kansas State and Nebraska, Stoops knew his team would not be intimidated.

"People were looking at a piece of paper saying 'they can win this one, they can't win that one,'" Stoops said. "We see our kids every day. They pushed themself hard in the off-season and carried that into the season."

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Marcus Allen, left, running back for the University of Southern California from 1978 to 1981, autographs a football after a news conference Tuesday in New York.

game is portrayed out there," he said. "The money is important but it isn't the panacea, the cure-all. A lot of players are content just to be at the NFL level. A lot of guys are doing positive things, doing it the right way, elevating their team."

"Don't be misled. A lot of guys play the game the way it should be played, with pride in competing, to find out about themselves. We wanted to be the best at what we wanted to do. We didn't want to be in the end zone. We didn't want to be in the end zone. We played because we loved to play."

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Fame honorees. Terry Hoage, a consensus All-American at Georgia who played 13 seasons in the NFL, said, "You get a lot of personal accolades, but it's truly a team sport. I learned responsibility from it."

NFL Hall of Famer Mike Haynes, who was Allen's teammate with the Raiders and was a member of the NFL's 75th anniversary team, recalled his agenda when he played defensive back at Arizona State.

"I wanted to have a nice college career and get my degree," he said. "I didn't have aspirations for pro football. I had aspirations to be the first in my family to get a college degree."

Johnny Rodgers, who won the Heisman as a wingback at Nebraska in 1972, left school for the pros. Twenty years later, he found his way back to complete degrees in advertising and broadcasting.

"United was going around for the United Way, telling people, 'You can be whatever you want to be, do whatever you want to do,'" he said. "I had the chance of unfinished business. That had quite a bit to do with it."

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Capitals push unbeaten streak

UNIONDALE, N.Y. (AP) — Chris Simon's third-period power-play goal helped the Washington Capitals extend their unbeaten streak against the Islanders to 18 games in a 3-2 victory Tuesday night.

The start of the third period was delayed 46 minutes due to damage to the net support posts on one of the goals. The period was split into two 10-minute halves, with each team defending the damaged side.

Washington is 16-0-2 against the Islanders since March 2, 1997, and have won eight straight on Long Island.

Flyers 2, Predators 2

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Bill Hosler scored midway through the third period as Nashville erased two one-goal deficits in a tie with Philadelphia.

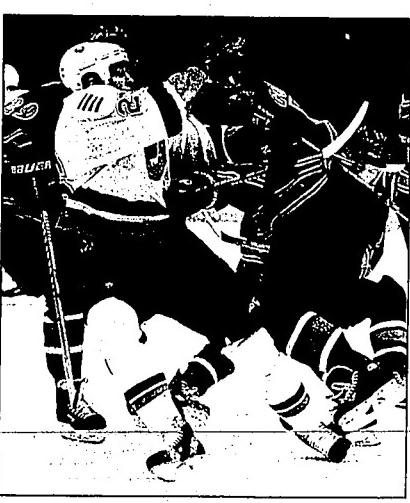
Hosler tied it just 39 seconds after Keith Primeau gave the Flyers a 2-1 lead.

"Nashville is 4-1 in its last six. Philadelphia moved to 1-0-1 under new head coach Bill Barber."

Scott Walker also scored for the Predators. Todd Fedoruk, recalled from the AHL Philadelphia Phantoms on Monday, put the Flyers on top 5-2 into the game.

Sabres 3, Bruins 0

BOSTON — J.P. Dumont scored all three of Buffalo's goals and Dominik Hasek stopped 22 shots for his third shutout of the season in a victory over Boston.



New York Islanders left wing Jeff Toms, second from left, is sandwiched between Washington Capitals Joe Reekie, left, and Sergei Gonchar, center in the first period Tuesday at Nassau Coliseum in Uniondale, N.Y.

Dumont, with his second career hat trick, became the 11th player to score all the goals in a 30-game.

Edmonton's Ryan Smyth accomplished the feat earlier this season and is the only player to do it twice.

The Bruins fell to 6-5-3-2 at home, and have failed to win consecutive games at the FleetCenter since Oct. 26, Mike Keenan's debut as Boston's coach.

Philadelphia's McNabb emerges as MVP candidate

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Donovan McNabb is proving he can throw the ball, too.

McNabb, who entered the league with a reputation as a running quarterback, had the best game of his career in the Philadelphia Eagles' 35-24 victory over the Cleveland Browns on Sunday.

The second-year quarterback set career highs with 390 yards passing and four touchdowns against the Browns, and further established himself as a Most Valuable Player contender.

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McNabb's prediction the Eagles would do well in the second year of Reid's rebuilding program, especially after star running back Duce Staley went



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down with a season-ending foot injury in Week 5.

But McNabb has taken complete control of the offense. He became the leading rusher in Staley's absence, almost single-handedly beat the Washington Redskins with his legs by running for 125 yards in a 23-20 victory last month, and showed he can beat teams with his arm with the performance against Cleveland.

"It made Donovan mature a little faster than he would have had with Duce," safety Brian Dawkins said.

McNabb has completed 307 of 529 passes for 3,167 yards, 20 TDs and 12 interceptions. He leads all quarterbacks with .609 yards rushing, and has six TDs on the ground.

His 529 attempts are an NFL high, 31 short of Randall Cunningham's team record. He already surpassed Cunningham's record for completions.

"I have fun out there," McNabb said. "I have confidence in the players around me and I am pretty sure that they have confidence in me. Most importantly, we are out there executing together."

Nothing new on ailing Aikman front

IRVING, Texas — Quarterbacks Troy Aikman and Steve Young have similar Hall of Fame credentials. Soon, they might have something else in common: retirement.

Aikman went to six straight Pro Bowls and led Dallas to three Super Bowl titles in the 1990s. Young was a seven-time Pro Bowl selection in San Francisco and won the Super Bowl in 1995 — the only one not won by Aikman and the Cowboys between 1992-96.

On the NFL's career passing yardage list, Young is 18th with 33,124 yards, followed right behind by Aikman's 32,926 yards.

But like Young last year, Aikman is facing serious questions about his career after a series of concussions. When he sits down after this season to assess his future, Aikman will be talking to Leigh Steinberg, his agent, who also represents Young.

"When the season is over, Troy and I will sit down for a long discussion about his health and what makes sense for his future," Steinberg said Monday. "The season has never been an ideal time for long-term decisions."

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Advisers push Gore to concede

Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — As Vice President Al Gore's lawyers and advisers pored over the U.S. Supreme Court's bombshell decision late Tuesday, prominent Gore allies wasted little time saying publicly that he should concede the presidency to Texas Gov. George W. Bush.

Laurence Tribe, a Harvard law professor and one of Gore's top legal advisers, said the decision handed the victory to Bush.

"I think that the gracious thing is to accept even if one disagrees with the decision of the Supreme Court," said Tribe, who had argued an earlier case for Gore before the Supreme Court in this election dispute.

"I'm sure that Vice President Gore has the kind of reverence for the Supreme Court as an institution that will really not undertake to be less than complete and gracious in his acceptance of this result," Tribe told NBC.

An even more partisan, Democratic National Committee Chairman Ed Rendell, also urged a step aside after the unprecedented post-Election Day fight that consumed five bitter weeks.

"He (Gore) should act now and concede," Rendell said on NBC as midnight approached and the import of the court's ruling became clear.

Though Gore's top advisers did not respond immediately to the complex and fractured opinion, analyzing it in search of any way to keep fighting, forces quickly began gathering that would make it difficult for Gore to do anything but concede Wednesday.

If he does so, he would finally perform an act that he has been on the brink of for five weeks. On Election Night, Gore drove from his hotel to downtown Nashville prepared to concede, only to be told upon his arrival that the results in the crucial state of Florida were so close that the election's outcome was in doubt.

Gore then phoned Bush to retract a concession he had made a short time earlier, setting off the hard-fought election dispute that appeared to end Tuesday night.

Gore's running mate Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., had suggested Monday that if the Supreme Court ruled against Gore the race would be over, and Gore had all but said as much himself.

The acknowledgment that Gore's long crusade had seemingly ended came from legal experts close to Gore and from the political allies whose support he would need even if he could figure out some way to fight on.

Florida high court refuses to reject ballots

Los Angeles Times

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — The Florida Supreme Court refused Tuesday to toss out up to 25,000 absentee presidential ballots from two conservative counties, closing off one of the last possible paths for Al Gore to win the White House.

The judges voted 6-0 not to accept a case in which Democrats claimed Republican officials in Seminole and Martin counties improperly doctored absentee ballot applications from George W. Bush supporters. The court dismissed.

"The sanctity of the ballot was not impaired," the court wrote. Despite irregularities with the ballot, the evidence "does not support a finding of fraud, gross negligence or intentional wrongdoing."

The ruling left Vice President Gore's fate solely in the hands of the U.S. Supreme Court, which is considering a separate emergency appeal over whether to allow manual recounts of thousands of disputed ballots to resume.

Gore did not join the lawsuits, and his aides have said that they never had counted on winning Florida — and the presidency — based on these suits, which sought to invalidate votes from Seminole, north of Orlando; and Martin, north of Palm Beach.



W. Dexter Douglas, a Florida lawyer who argued several cases on the vice president's behalf during the recount, added his voice to the chorus. "It sounds like we're lost," Douglas said. "What else can we do?" It means we can't do the recount,"

Sen. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., who had been a less than fervent supporter of Gore's recount efforts from early on, agreed. "Clearly, the election has come to an end," Torricelli said.

The news capped a long day of waiting for the Gore camp. While most experts had predicted they would ultimately lose, many on the Gore team held onto the slim hope that one of the court's centrist justices would surprise observers and side with them. After all, the unexpected had happened so many times in this once-in-a-lifetime election dispute.

Gore campaign staffers even began pool Tuesday on when the court would decide the momentous case of Bush vs. Gore, which Justice would write the majority opinion, and which news organization would report it first.

The earliest guess was 9:55 a.m. by Michael Feldman, who served as Gore's traveling chief of staff during the campaign. Feldman was off by 12 hours.

That gives some sense of the kind of day it was for Gore staffers as they awaited the decision with no indication where it might come out. With most experts predicting a defeat for Gore that would end his presidential quest, the waiting had a certain fatalistic quality.

Gore spent most of the day at his official residence with his wife, Tipper, and his daughter Kristin. He visited his White House office for about 90 minutes in the afternoon, going over correspondence, making calls and meeting with chief of staff Charles Burson and policy adviser Paul Weinstein.

Gore aides insisted the vice president was calm and relaxed, as they say he has been throughout the process. During the day, the vice president told aides that whatever the Supreme Court decided, they should not criticize the justices.

"He has made it clear to everyone that we are going to respect the rule of law and due deference to our judicial process," said Gore spokesman Chris Lehane.

Ruling might be mixed blessing for Bush

Democrats won't take loss lightly

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Five weeks after Election Day, the Supreme Court apparently handed Texas Gov. George W. Bush the key to the White House, but in a fashion that gave Democrats an issue they are certain to trumpet over the coming months and years, according to the first reaction in the political world.

The badly splintered high court, its ideological divisions in startlingly public display, once again blocked the vote-counting in Florida that Vice President Al Gore had hoped would reverse Bush's narrow lead.

"That's checkmate," said Rep. James Moran, D-Va. "Gore will have to concede at this point."

Ed Rendell, the general chairman of the Democratic National Committee, and Sen. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., both said the time had come for Gore to give up. But most Democrats said they wanted to let Gore make that decision before commanding themselves. And shortly before midnight, Gore campaign chairman William Daley said Gore and his running mate, Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., were still studying the decision and would not comment until Wednesday.



Demonstrator Mark Hankins of Gainesville, Fla., speaks his peace outside the U.S. Supreme Court Tuesday, as the nation awaited a decision by the high court in the Florida recount case.

Republicans, who had believed that Bush had secured the vital 25 Florida electoral votes on the basis of two machine counts and a partial hand-count, certified by the Florida secretary of state, were cautious about claiming a final victory. But with the court majority saying the constitutional and practical barriers to more vote counting are insurmountable, the GOP could see the end of the line — at least for 2000.

But the issues raised in the blistering dissents from the court's two Democratic-appointed justices —

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and the two Republican appointees who agreed with them — are likely to become battle cries in the mid-term election of Congress in 2002 and the presidential race in 2004.

Democratic pollster Geoff Carr said, "This is an ending that is likely to exacerbate the bitterness. While Democrats will certainly respect the authority of the court, this decision will leave a lot of Democrats feeling that this was not a fair outcome. It will make divisions harder to heal. I think the court may have put a huge burden on Bush."

Former secretary of state James A. Baker III said in Tallahassee, Fla., that Bush and his running mate, Dick Cheney, were pleased with the outcome of the case but stopped short of claiming victory for the GOP ticket, apparently waiting to see if Gore would concede.

If the ruling settled the question of the identity of the next president, it left unanswered all the issues about public acceptance of the result and the reaction of the Democrats whose help Bush will need to pass any major legislative initiatives.

The latest polls taken before the decision showed that more people thought Bush than Gore had won and expected to see Bush declared the winner. But those polls also

showed continued strong public support for counting Florida ballots as fully and accurately as possible.

Traditionally, Americans tend to rally around a new president, even if the result is close, and the inaugural ceremony has found presidents enjoying approval ratings in the mid-to-high 50s. But there is no modern precedent for a campaign so close that it was not decided for more than a month after Election Day.

While the immediate reaction of most Democrats suggested that Gore would have to give up, there was equally a determination that the issues raised in the recount be quickly shelved.

Black Caucus members of the Congressional Black Caucus have been particularly angry about the barriers they said African-American voters ran into at the polls. They have cited studies showing that the "undercount" of ballots with no presidential vote recorded by the tabulating machines was unusually high in black precincts.

Democrats came out of the 2000 election with gains in both the House and Senate, and are counting on the traditional mid-term gains for the opposition party to give them a good chance of securing majorities in both those chambers in 2002.

But Republicans, at least for the moment, are enjoying the prospect of controlling the White House, the Senate and House for the first time in almost 50 years.

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NATION

Survivors protest report

S. Koreans want acknowledgment on orders to shoot

The Washington Post

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea is building at the Pentagon's insistence that American soldiers fired in panic — not under orders — at Korean civilians in the village of No Gun Ri at the start of the Korean War.

Survivors of the incident met with government officials Tuesday to discuss their plan for opposing the finding, and a civilian Korean advisory group was planning to fly to the United States Wednesday to try to change the conclusions before the Americans' final report.

The Koreans are pushing for an American acknowledgment that there were orders to shoot the civilians — as some American veterans recall — and they want an apology and compensation for injured survivors and victims' families.

The dispute threatens exactly the dilemma that South Korea had wanted to avoid: a unilateral U.S. conclusion that propels this 50-year-old incident into a rift between the countries. South Korea had proposed a joint investigation to avoid having separate findings, but the United States rejected it.

"There's only one truth, but through these separate investigations, they're making two truths," said Chung Koo Do, spokesman for the survivors of the shootings at No Gun Ri, who claim that as many as 300 to 400 persons died from American fire July 26-28, 1950.

The Washington Post reported last week the Pentagon's draft report concluded that panicked soldiers, in the chaotic first days of the war, had fired at Korean civilians hiding under a railroad trestle, fearing that North Korean infiltrators were among them.

But the report reached no finding as to the numbers of civilians killed and said there was no evidence of orders to shoot on civilians, despite the accounts of some veterans who said they acted under orders.

But when American officials came to Seoul last week to get South Korean officials to sign off on a joint "statement of mutual understanding" before the final report, the government here insisted.

A five-person advisory group to the Korean government was to go to Washington Wednesday. They hope to meet with both Pentagon and State Department officials this week to lobby for stronger findings in the final report, which is supposed to be finished within six weeks.

And the Korean National Assembly is urging both countries to take the issue out of the hands of the military, and come to an acceptable compromise of the issue.

"It's time for the top levels of the two governments to make some political decisions," said Min Hee, the chief aide to National Policy Committee legislator Kim Min Seok. "We don't need to get everything we want. There are some things the United States doesn't want to say, and we understand. So, politically, for example, President Clinton would promise the victims compensation, they could accept that as enough."

Union Station shootout kills one, wounds two

CHICAGO (AP) A shootout between a police drug agent and two suspects in Union Station killed the person, injured two and sent waiting train passengers diving for cover Tuesday.

The officers had tried to stop the two men to question them, but one of the suspects grabbed a female officer and there was an exchange of gunfire, police spokesman Pat Camden said.

One of the suspects was killed, the policewoman was shot in the leg, and the other suspect, also hospitalized, was in critical condition, Camden said.

It wasn't immediately clear who shot whom, police said.

The shooting took place in the Amtrak concourse of the sprawling station next to train platforms, police said. A statement from Amtrak said that the two men had just arrived on a train from New York and that the incident was an "apparent federal drug interdic-

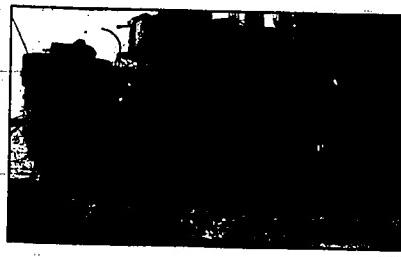
WWII vets set off on daring Atlantic voyage

GIBRALTAR (AP) All fueled up and bound for Alabam, 29 American WWII veterans — average age 72 — defied warnings and set off Tuesday to cross the Atlantic in an aging tank transport vessel with shaky steering and no safety equipment.

"Everything's good. We're all looking forward to the trip," Capt. Bob Jornlin said by phone shortly before the ship, known as the LST-325, departed. The vessel was built to transport Sherman tanks during World War II.

Asked about his comrades, who hail from 16 states, Jornlin, of Eau Claire, Ill., said: "They're fine. A few of them have slight colds but nothing serious."

In a gesture of support, sailors from the USS Arleigh Burke, a destroyer which docked Monday in Gibraltar, stood on deck and whistled farewell as the LST-325



Gary Lyon, 67 from Minnesota, pulls a towline Monday to the American tank landing ship LST-325 previous to the group setting sail. It was tugged away from this Sea. Some 15 dockworkers who had helped with repairs and maintenance also waved goodbye as the 328-foot long, 50-foot wide boat left this British colony at Spain's southern tip.

The Coast Guard urged them not to go farther.

The ship lacks adequate life-saving equipment, its main propulsion and steering systems are questionable and the Atlantic is cold and stormy in December, Vice Adm. John E. Shirk, commander of the Coast Guard's Atlantic Area Command, warned the crew in a letter. He said the ship should be towed or the trip postponed until its equipment problems are resolved.

But the crew have remained determined and maintain that both they and the ship are strong enough to make the crossing. Mike Gunjak, who represents the group and is president of the American States LST Association said the estimated \$600,000 it would cost to tow the vessel was too much.

The LST-325 was loaned to Greece in the 1960s. The United States LST Association has fought since the 1980s to repatriate it.

So far, the veterans have sailed the vessel from Greece to Gibraltar in a 13-day voyage.

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Mexican president rolls out welcome mat

Vicente Fox launches two-day tour of U.S. border to greet migrants

NOGALES, Mexico (AP) — Fulfilling a campaign pledge to honor Mexican Americans in the United States, President Vicente Fox launched a two-day tour of the U.S. border on Tuesday to personally greet Mexican-Americans heading home for the holidays.

Fox, who has called Mexican migrants "heroes," designed the trip to strike a symbolic blow against the delays, abuse and extortion that the 7 million Mexican adults living in the United States often face on the way home.

Throughout his three-year presidential campaign — and since his



Mexican President Vicente Fox greets supporters outside the Kilometer 23 checkpoint in Agua Zarca, Sonora, Mexico.

election July 2 that ousted the party that had ruled Mexico for more than seven decades — Fox

has courted Mexican-Americans like no candidate ever had.

So it was fitting that one of his first trips as president — Fox took office Dec. 1 — was to the border, where he has vowed to protect migrants from abuses and has pledged with them not to forget their homeland.

Specifically, Fox's trip was intended to crack down on the "mordida" — literally the "bite" of corruption — that migrants face from Mexican border officials on their way back into Mexico. Despite a decade-old effort to protect holiday travelers, corruption has continued.

The program "was meant to stop the shakedowns, but enforcement has been lax or slipping," said Douglas S. Massey, co-director of the Mexican Migration Project at the University of Pennsylvania.

"So now Vicente Fox is making a big show of making sure the regulations are being followed."

Fox's schedule was taking him to eight border facilities over two days in the cities of Nogales, across from the Arizona town of the same name, Ciudad Juarez, across from El Paso, Texas, and Nuevo Laredo, across from Laredo, Texas.

Fox said he would drop in for surprise visits "and get rid of any official who does not treat people with dignity." But there seemed to be little surprise in the staged visits, which feature speeches by governors and other officials.

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U.S. diplomat reprimands razing of Chinese churches

The Washington Post

BELIJING — Less than a month after Clinton and Chinese human rights talks were off, the United States' senior U.S. diplomat Tuesday protested two new actions by Chinese authorities: the apparent destruction of scores of underground Christian churches in southern China just weeks before Christmas, and the sentencing Tuesday of a Chinese-born U.S. resident to prison for investigating repression of the banned Falun Gong spiritual movement.

The diplomat — brieffing reporters at the U.S. Embassy here in the condition of not being identified, said he still hopes human rights discussions promised by Chinese President Jiang Zemin during a meeting with President Clinton in Brunei last month might still result in changes in how China treats its people.

But he said he was disturbed and disappointed by reports in Chinese newspapers of a renewed crackdown on religious activity in the southern province of Guangdong. The diplomat's decision Tuesday to sentence New York acupuncturist and Falun Gong adherent Teng Chunyan to three years in prison over the repeated protests of American diplomats.

"Razing churches before

Christmas? I'm incredulous," the diplomat said. "It doesn't sound like a very good situation, and what we could do more facts, we'll have to take the appropriate action."

He said U.S. officials will also take up Teng's case with the Chinese government again, but noted that the chances of success are limited now because Chinese officials have already announced an interview after sentencing. "It doesn't look good," he said. "This isn't the result we were looking for."

On Monday, Chinese officials also confirmed that a court had rejected the appeal of Rebiya Kadeer, a prominent human rights woman from the restive Xinjiang region who is serving eight years in prison for mailing Chinese newspaper articles to her husband in the United States. Both the U.S. Senate and the House had passed resolutions demanding her release.

The holiday-season crackdown on religious activity centers on the coastal city of Wenzhou. Since early November, according to articles in local state-run newspapers, nearly 1,000 underground churches and ancestral halls in the area have been shut down, demolished or converted to recreation centers.

Others have been forced to register with the government, the reports said.

Entrepreneur to bring 300 tons of snow to Caribbean

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — This tropical Caribbean island is expecting a white Christmas. In fact, it's already on its way — on a cargo ship from Canada.

An entrepreneur is bringing 300 tons of snow from Quebec to San Juan and, beginning Friday, plans to charge families \$30 each to build snowmen and wage snowball-fights in a refrigerated event hall. Guzman — whose Family Events Inc. promotion company books circuses and figure skating shows — is spending \$200,000 to import the snow from Ferment, Quebec.

Residents of Ferment — population 3,500 — say they're baffled. "I can't believe somebody would want our snow," said Mayor Robin Belanger.

But in this former Spanish colony turned U.S. territory, Santa Claus is challenging the traditional Three Kings in popularity. And with Puerto Ricans paying \$70 for U.S.-style fir Christmas trees imported from Canada, Guzman thinks people will pay for a bit of white Christmas.

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Spanish officials arrest Russian media magnate



called the fraud charges purely political and said Spain should reject the extradition request.

The spokesman, Dmitry Ostralsky, said the Russian prosecutor general's office — via the Russian International Organization, known as Interpol — misled Spanish police by submitting materials "that bear no relation to reality," Interfax reported.

MADRID, Spain (AP) — Acting on a warrant from Moscow, Spanish police arrested Russian media magnate Vladimir Gusinsky in southern Spain on Tuesday and flew him to Madrid for a hearing on whether he should be extradited to face fraud charges.

Gusinsky — one of the so-called oligarchs who used ties to the Kremlin to amass quick fortunes in privatization deals in the 1990s — was arrested shortly after midnight Monday at a villa he owns in the beach community of San Roque in southern Cadiz province, a National Police officer said.

In Moscow, a spokesman for Gusinsky's Media-Most company said, "We are shocked by the Spanish police's action. We are going to take all the legal steps to defend our rights."

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Time to retire: GM plans to end production of the Oldsmobile line.

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Ad magazine gives Target top award

Advertising Age magazine proclaimed Target Corp. its Marketer of the Year for 2000 for Target's advertising campaign, which it says successfully refashioned the retailer's identity as a "funny, retro pop culture place" in the consumer's mind.

The magazine argues that Target has established its red-and-white bull's-eye logo as a national icon in a class with the Nike swoosh and McDonald's golden arches. The accompanying story cites George Strachan, a retail analyst with Goldman Sachs, who credits Target's "fun and catchy" campaign with reinventing "the whole discount category."

Ad Age singles out for praise Target's "Bull's Eye World" campaign, featuring happy models serving red target-shaped molded Jell-O, dancing in a Target logo wallpapered room wearing Target logo pattern outfit to the tune of Petula Clark's 1966 hit "Sign of the Times."

Essentially, Target's branding campaign exudes a cheap chic done tongue-in-cheek. To support its fashion image, Target - which has a store in Twin Falls - hires top fashion photographers to create ads for glamour magazines and other publications where discounters don't usually appear. One ad features a model in Elizabethan dress - but her ruffled collar is actually an air filter on sale at Target.

Target's sense of style emanates from its Dayton's department store roots, says John Pellegrine, Target's executive vice president of marketing.

Claire's Stores warns investors over Q4 outlook

PEMBROKE PINES, Fla. - Claire's Stores Inc., a retailer of accessories for pre-teens and pre-teens, cut its fourth-quarter earnings outlook Tuesday, blaming bad November sales and a slow December.

Pembroke Pines, Fla.-based Claire's - which has boutiques on Pole Line Road in Twin Falls - now expects earnings of 70 cents to 80 cents a share for the quarter, well below Wall Street expectations of \$1.12 a share.

Claire's said it was disappointed with the drop in sales for the first two weeks in December in both its Claire's Accessories and Afterthoughts stores. The company forecasts weak sales for Afterthoughts in the first half of fiscal 2001, and plans to introduce a new strategy for the division.

Claire's is a mall-based retailer of costume jewelry and apparel operating more than 3,000 stores under names such as the Icing, Mr. Rags and Velvet Pixies.

Bank maintains hopes for asset management

NEW YORK - Although Bank of America Corp. warned last week that profits would fall far short of analysts' expectations, bank officials made it clear the nation's largest consumer bank isn't going to stop spending money.

In fact, operating expenses will rise this quarter.

During a New York investor conference, Bank of America's president and chief operating officer, Ken Lewis, talked extensively about plans to allocate more resources to "growth engines" - the bank - asset management, card services and payments, e-commerce and investment banking.

"In the last year, we have made tremendous progress in setting the stage to what we think - economy willing - could be a breakout year in some of these businesses during 2001," Lewis said.

Lewis told investors the bank believes its best performer is its asset management group, where revenues and earnings have the potential to grow by more than 20 percent a year.

One of the more recent investments in that business line was Bank of America's recent purchase of the Maricopa Funds family. Other initiatives include increasing the number of full-service brokers by 25 percent and doubling the number of securities the bank's analysts do research on.

Bank of America - which has bank branches in the Magic Valley - also said portals aimed at individuals, small businesses, corporate banking customers and bank employees will be online by early next year. And electronic bill payment and presentation - now in selected-markets - will be rolled nationwide early next year.

- compiled from wire reports

BID dissension surfaces

Board wants to meet with business owners personally

By Julie Pence
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Downtown leaders heard plenty of unsettling news at their Tuesday meeting, but they wasted no time in moving toward solutions.

Executive Director Tim Jones told members of the Historic Old Towne Twin Falls Business Improvement District board he had attended the City Council meeting Monday to start the approval process for raising assessments in the downtown area.

But before the council approved a resolution to consider raising assessments, Jones said, the council asked him about

an undercutting of dissension among the BID's 300-plus members.

Jones said the City Council eventually passed the resolution in a 4-2 vote. It could become a statute only after the council holds a public hearing and votes on the issue again. If passed, the minimum amount assessed each quarter would be \$25 with a 10 percent increase each year for the next five years; certain BID members pay other rates on top of the minimum.

The City Council said it had fielded a number of complaints from BID members in the district's outlying areas who said they don't receive benefits for their assessments and aren't

"I just can't take what I am getting from people on the Second avenues."

- Delea Miller,
resigned as BID
special projects manager

resented adequately, Jones said.

Jones acknowledged he hasn't visited all of the businesses as frequently as he wanted.

"I would like to redouble my efforts to contact people."

he said.

Chairman Ron Thompson said Tuesday though the complaints were long-standing, the time has arrived to talk with those individuals personally. The board decided to make up a survey to find out what members want and to hand deliver the surveys before the next board meeting, set for January. Treasurer Dan Brize suggested as many board members as possible make the visits.

"Even if we have to go into

IT'S AN E-WORLD



Louis V. Gerstner, chairman and CEO of IBM, gives his keynote address, 'Competing in the Next Generation of e-Business,' at the eBusiness Conference and Expo at New York's Javits Convention Center Tuesday. He said the Internet should lead to more outsourcing by companies as a way to increase business, but not at the expense of personal privacy.

AP photo

Group says co-op could boost potato prices

The Associated Press

Potato state, opposed the purchase program, fearing it would spur overplanting next year.

"We figured the government program was probably not going to happen, so we're going to have to help ourselves," Espin said this week.

Record production in Idaho and across the nation has driven down prices. Farmers are getting only 20 percent to 25 percent of their production costs, or about \$1 per hundredweight, Espin said. It costs farmers \$4 to \$5 per hundredweight to grow potatoes.

Under the Potato Growers plan, producers could join Potato Management Co. by paying \$500

We've got everything to gain and nothing to lose.'

- Mike Telford,
Magic Valley
potato grower

up front and 2 ducuts per hundredweight for all the potatoes they sell to the co-op, spokesman John Thompson said.

Once the co-op's board decides it has enough spuds to impact market

prices, it would decide how best to dispose of them. Espin said the potatoes probably would be spread as fertilizer on fields in the winter or sold as livestock feed.

As the co-op buys more and more potatoes, prices should rise, so growers who joined the co-op would more than make up their co-op membership by selling their remaining potatoes, Thompson said.

"If you want to make money

on the other 90 percent, you've got to get rid of 10 percent," he said.

The plan has a chance to succeed if there is a way to verify the potatoes have been used for fertilizer or feed, said Paul Patterson of Idaho Falls, an agricultural economist for the University of Idaho.

But Mike Telford, a longtime Magic Valley potato grower who suggested the idea, said it would only work if all the major potato states participate.

"It's just all a matter of how much support you get," he said. "We've got everything to gain and nothing to lose."

Washington Potato Commission Chairman Lynn Olsen, who grows potatoes in Othello, Wash., said many Washington producers might already have sold their crops and so would be unable to participate.

Utah wants money back

Merger-related
problems dog
Albertson's

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY - The state is pressuring Albertson's Inc. to repay at least part of the \$3.5 million grant American Stores received to expand in Utah before Albertson's acquired the company in 1999.

The money from Utah's Industrial Assistance Fund was given to American Stores in exchange for the company's commitment to build a corporate headquarters, employ more than 1,600 people in Salt Lake City and buy goods and services from Utah vendors.

But in August 1998, just six months after American Stores dedicated its 620,000-square-foot downtown high-rise, Albertson's announced plans to purchase the Utah company and soon began to transfer or lay off more than 800 people working in the building.

The 25-story building is largely vacant, although the Salt Lake Organizing Committee occupies seven floors.

Payments from the IAF are considered grants if recipients meet certain contractual requirements. Companies that do not meet those requirements must repay all or part of the money they receive.

Because none of what was promised by American Stores has materialized, the state paid "is now a loan and right now it's a matter of how much Albertson's has to pay back," said David Winder, director of the Utah Department of Community and Economic Development.

Representatives of the state and the Boise-based grocery company have met several times during the past year, but have been unable to agree on repayment terms.

Albertson's did not return calls seeking comment on the issue.

Albertson's clearly has an obligation to perform on payment, said Richard Nelson, who was IAF administrator at the time the agreement with American Stores was made.

"The agreement was that we would get permanent, high-paying jobs averaging over \$50,000 a year and a shift in their buying to larger food processing and manufacturing companies in the state," said Nelson, president of the Utah Information Technology Association. "We didn't get that."

Albertson's has tried numerous times to sell the Salt Lake City building but has been unable to do so.

It was built as a corporate headquarters and needs work to be leaseable to a variety of tenants, commercial real estate brokers say.

Starbucks' Europe plan meets derision

Knight Ridder News Service

MILAN, Italy - Just when Europeans seemed to have had their fill of Big Macs and other icons of the American consumer culture, along comes Starbucks, the ubiquitous purveyor of oversized cappuccinos and "frappuccinos," with big plans to launch 500 stores in six European markets over the next 24 months.

At least the humble hamburger is a certifiable American product. But coffee? Europeans wonder how guys from Seattle think they can instruct the citizens of Milan, Vienna and Paris on the fine art of coffee. These Americans can't be serious.

But they are. Starbucks will open its first outlet on the European continent in Zurich early next year, according to company spokesman Soon Beng Yeap. Starbucks - which also has

operations closer to home in the Magic and Wood River valleys - has 565 stores in 18 foreign countries including more than 150 outlets in the United Kingdom. But ten-sipping Brits can hardly be counted as coffee connoisseurs.

In at least one venue, Beijing, Starbucks has caused a cultural stir. Employees at the Forbidden City store across from China's former Imperial Palace were recently told to remove all Starbucks signs after local media criticized the capitalist coffee retailer's location.

Yeap wouldn't confirm whether Italy is a target market, but Starbucks chairman Howard Schultz, who freely admits that he draws much of his inspiration from the great coffee bars of Milan, dropped a pretty big hint in a recent interview with London's Financial Times.

The respect and admiration I have for the heritage of coffee in Italy is at the highest possible level," Schultz said. "But we believe we can still provide something unique to the marketplace, and the customer will be the judge."

Daniela Faccioli, whose family owns Caffe Cova, one of Milan's most celebrated coffee emporiums, is not worried about her customers' judgment. She sampled Starbucks in New York and Washington and came away convinced it was not for Italians.

"I am very open and I like to taste everything, so I went into a Starbucks and asked for a black coffee. They asked me 20 questions and then they gave me this huge cup and by the time I got to the table it was cold," she said.

"What I don't like about Starbucks is you go in, you ask,

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Power price decline puts plant back in production

The Associated Press

LEWISTON - Power prices have dipped enough to allow full production to resume at Potlatch Corp.'s mill.

The company said its pulp, paperboard and tissue operations were brought back to regular speed overnight Tuesday, and employees at the cedar products and surfacing parts of the lumber mill reported in the morning.

Potlatch officials will decide what sections of the plant to run each day based on energy costs, Potlatch spokesman Frank Carroll said. The plant has been running at less than capacity since midnight last Friday. The sawmill was shut down entirely, affecting 300 workers.

But Carroll said power prices

shifted dramatically in three days. What Potlatch pays for the power it obtains outside the plant dropped from \$300,000 a day on Friday to \$300,000 a day on Tuesday, he said.

Potlatch generates 70 megawatts at its Lewiston plant and gets 25 more megawatts through a contract from Avista. The agreement is for 10 years and will be up for renegotiating in a year, Carroll said.

The problems Potlatch is encountering are part of a power crisis gripping the Northwest.

The plant may be the largest power user in northern Idaho, said David Schunke, engineering manager with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission in Boise. "These are costs that are really unprecedented."

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UNICEF urges better care for children under 3

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - UNICEF appealed Tuesday for countries to guarantee that children under 3 receive food, clean water and health care during the growth phase that is most critical to brain development.

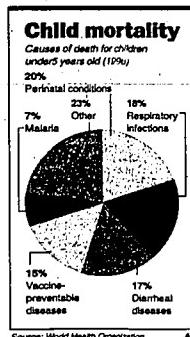
In its annual "State of the World's Children" report, the UN Children's Fund said more investment in early childhood development would produce a healthier, more productive population while saving money for remedial education and health care.

Every dollar spent during the first 36 months of life saves \$7 per person on such services later, the agency said, citing studies.

"Every year, some 129 million babies around the world begin an extraordinary developmental march - from defenseless newborns to proactive 3-year-olds," UNICEF executive director Carol Bellamy said at a press conference launching the report.

"And every year, countless numbers of them are stopped in their tracks - deprived in one way or another of the love, care, nurturing health, nutrition and safe environment that they need to grow," she said.

Research shows nutrition and environmental stimulants dramatically affect a child's brain in



Source: UNICEF, World Health Organization

AP

the first 36 months of life - when a child develops the ability to think, speak, learn and reason, the report said.

But governments - and even agencies like UNICEF - have tended to neglect children in these crucial years, focusing instead on boosting survival rates among infants and then picking up several years later with efforts to improve access to education, the report said.

Clinton to Irish: Don't give up on peace

DUNDALK, Ireland (AP) - Seeking to hold together Northern Ireland's uneasy truce, President Clinton acknowledged Tuesday that there are "still a few hills to climb," and urged residents not to turn their backs on peace. "You cannot win by making your neighbor lose," he said.

Clinton opened his third and final visit to Ireland as president by fusing the political and the sentimental, telling a crowd numbering about 20,000 that the economy was "booming" in Dundalk, a "proof of the fruits and wisdom of peace."

Ireland's Prime Minister Bertie Ahern pledged to resolve the differences that could jeopardize the fragile Good Friday peace accord.

"Peace is a living reality that



mostly Catholic - to mark his place in history as a peacemaker. Declaring "a new day" in Dundalk and a new day in Ireland, Clinton stressed that "none of the business investment - from companies such as Xerox Corp. - now feeding Dundalk's prosperity would have happened had the Irish people failed to negotiate peace and allowed those who oppose it to prevail."

"We know violence suffocates opportunity," Clinton said. "Some fear the change won't last. But some of the smartest business people in the world are already betting that it will last."

"The past is history, not destiny," Clinton said. "Oh, yes, there are still a few hills to climb. But you now know the value of peace."

few people would have thought possible. We firmly reject that tiny minority that seeks to destroy it," Ahern said. "We will stay on course no matter how long it takes."

At a time of unraveling Middle East peace efforts, Clinton is trying to shore up Northern Ireland's fragile truce between the Unionists - mostly Protestants - and the nationalists

labor programs.

Further delayed by the presidential election dispute, this budget process has been the longest since the disputes that led to the government shutdowns of December 1995 and January 1996. This year Congress has passed 20 short-term spending measures to avoid another shutdown while negotiations continue.

Congress tries to wrap up final spending bills

WASHINGTON (AP) - The last and one of the most protracted budget battles between President Clinton and the GOP-led Congress neared an end Tuesday with negotiators examining proposals on the few remaining issues.

Two-and-a-half months into the new fiscal year, negotiators were working out final figures on education and health programs and

resolving a long-pending immigration issue.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said Senate Republicans were "pretty comfortable" with the deal taking shape. "I believe it's in a realm that they can accept now, and yes, it is possible that we could finish this up by Thursday or Friday."

Senate Appropriations

Committee Chairman Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, said the Senate had made suggestions to the House on the final issues, and was hopeful the House would have it ready for a floor vote Thursday.

Four of the 13 spending bills Congress must pass every year remain unfinished, with the main sticking point a \$350-billion bill to finance education, health and

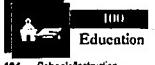
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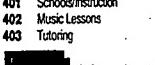
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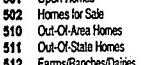
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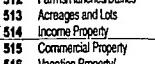
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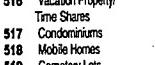
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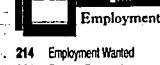
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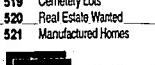
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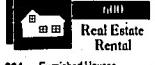
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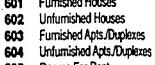
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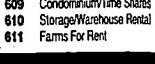
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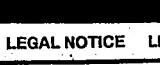
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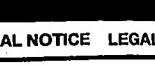
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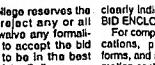
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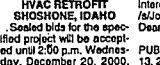
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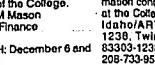
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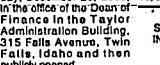
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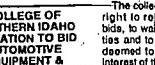
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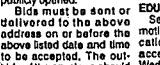
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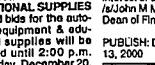
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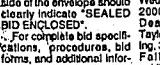
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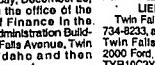
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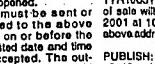
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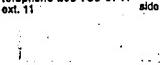
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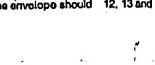
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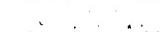
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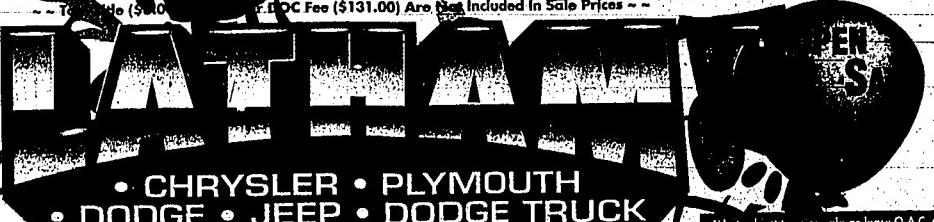
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